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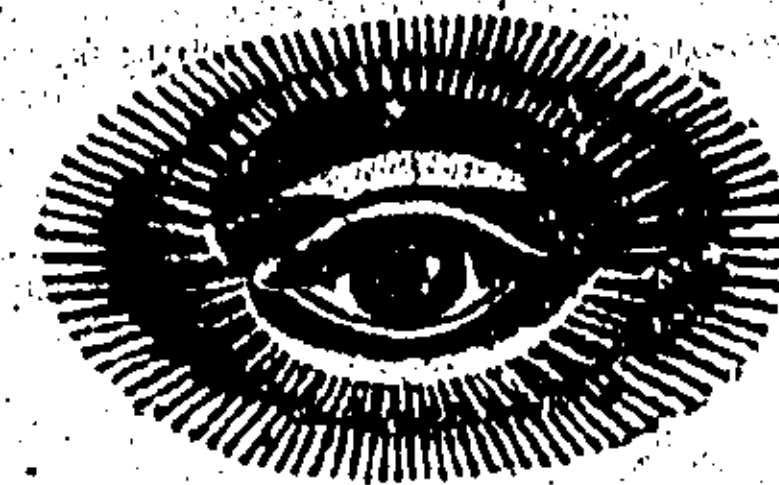
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## DARING PIRACY.

CREW PUT UP DETERMINED RESISTANCE.

### TWO OR THREE KILLED.

Captain of the "Siang Tan" Held For Ransom.

BRITISH GUNBOATS ENDEAVOURING TO LOCATE MISSING SKIPPER.

Another piracy has occurred, this time on the Yangtze, 17 miles below Ichang.

The crew made a determined resistance, and two or three of them were killed.

The Captain was taken away by the bandits and is now being held for ransom.

### STORY OF THE OUTRAGE.

Hankow, Yesterday.  
Bandits carried out a daring piracy on a British steamer on Wednesday in the course of which one or two of the ship's company are believed to have been killed in resisting the attack. The names of the killed are not known.

The ship involved was the China Navigation Company (Butterfield and Swire) s.s. "Siang Tan" (1,195 tons gross, 729 nett) which at the time was anchored about seventeen miles below Ichang.

About 10 p.m. on Wednesday night, sampans containing about thirty bandits suddenly put off from the left bank of the river and the occupants swarmed on board.

The ship's crew put up a determined resistance in the course of which two or three are believed to have been killed.

Details are lacking as to what plunder, if any, the bandits were able to take with them when they decamped but the Captain of the "Siang Tan" was taken away for purposes of ransom.

British gunboats in the neighbourhood are endeavouring to locate the missing skipper and General Yang Chen is also arranging for a party of Chinese soldiers to visit the scene to carry out an attack on the bandit lair.—British Naval Wireless.

The Ship's Personnel.

The "Siang Tan" is one of the China Navigation Company's Upper Yangtze shallow draft ships the Master (according to the latest list obtainable) being Captain Lalor and the Chief Officer, Mr. E. W. Richards. There would also be a European Chief Engineer and 2nd Engineer, the names of whom are unobtainable. Ichang, the scene of the piracy, is 370 miles above Hankow and the Chinese General in charge of the district at the moment is Yang Sen, who became notorious as the result of his action in commandeering the China Navigation Company's steamers for troop movements which led to the War-hsien Epic. Lately, he has been exhibiting signs of friendliness with the British authorities.

### "SOLVIKEN" PIRACY.

Part of the Loot Brought to Colony.

There was an echo of the "Solviken" piracy in Major C. Willson's Court this morning, when Detective Sergeant Baker charged two elderly Chinese with receiving stolen property, namely with a ingot of gold identified as part of the loot the pirates took away from the s.s. "Solviken," the Captain of which, the Sergeant reminded his Worship, was shot during the outbreak on board.

The first accused admitted possession of the gold, which he said he had purchased in the country without knowing that it was stolen property.

Second accused denied possession of the gold.

Sergeant Baker said that from what he could gather at present, first accused came down from the country, and tried to dispose of the gold here. Failing to do so, he took it to the second accused, who was the manager of a big import

and export firm in Hong Kong. Second accused took the gold to a goldsmith and tried to sell it. The goldsmith telephoned to the police and the two accused were arrested.

The Magistrate gave a remand for 24 hours in police custody for further investigations to be made.

### JUNK PIRATED.

Loot Valued at a Thousand Dollars.

The Police have received a report of a piracy in Chinese waters on Wednesday.

According to the master of a cargo junk which arrived here yesterday, the piracy occurred whilst the junk was on its way to Hong Kong, and the pirates got away with loot worth \$1,000.

At the time of the piracy the junk was bringing a cargo of 31 pigs to Hong Kong from Sannei, where the junk left at 9 p.m., on Tuesday. The following morning it was off Saichung, when a fishing boat containing eight men approached it. The stranger fired two shots into the cargo junk from a range of 50 yards. The junk people took shelter in the hold, whereupon the pirates came alongside and boarded their prize. The pirates closed the hold, imprisoning the junk people, and then sailed the junk away. After being in possession of the junk for about eight hours, the pirates departed in their own boat.

Besides the 31 pigs, the pirates took away 20 tins of nut oil, 21 baskets of eggs, 15 cattles of salt fish and \$300 in Hong Kong bank notes.

The junk made tracks for Hong Kong immediately after the pirates left her.

### EGYPT'S TARIFF.

QUESTION OF BRITISH INTERESTS.

TWO EXPERTS ENGAGED.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The Foreign Secretary was asked in the House of Commons if he had received any communication from the Egyptian Government intimating its intention to set up a tariff of protective duties, and what measures had been taken to secure British interests? Mr. Locker Lampson, Foreign Under-Secretary, replied that he had received no such communication. On the expiry of the Italo-Egyptian Commercial Convention in 1930 the Egyptian Government would be free to revise their tariff policy. For this purpose two tariff experts had recently been engaged, the services of one of whom were secured through the good offices of the British Government.—British Wireless Service.

### BELGIAN POLITICS.

SOCIALISTS PUT IN THEIR PLACE.

Brussels, Yesterday.  
The Chamber adopted a vote of confidence in the Government by 95 votes to 68 after a speech by the Premier, M. Jaspars, in which he concluded by saying that the Government would settle all big questions with the Socialists if the latter liked—and, if not, without them.—Reuter.

### SUGAR RING.

PARIS DECISIONS NOW RATIFIED.

London, Yesterday.  
The Home Secretary was asked in the House of Commons how many electors would be males and how many females if the existing Parliamentary franchise were extended to women of 21 years? He said that on the basis of the most recent available figures the total electorate for Great Britain was estimated as 12,250,000 men and 14,500,000 women.—British Wireless Service.

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## A.P.C. GOODS SEIZED.

Amoy Staff Take Steps Themselves.

ILLEGAL LEVIES BY TAX BUREAU  
Sequel To British Refusal To Pay On Wax.

Amoy, Yesterday.  
Trouble between the Asiatic Petroleum Co. and the Chinese (Nationalist) authorities here occurred on Wednesday but the incident is closed.

The Tax Bureau imposed an illegal tax on wax. When the A.P.C. refused to pay, the water police (acting on behalf of the Tax Bureau) seized a lighter.

This lighter was loaded with wax and was lying at the A.P.C. installation prior to being re-shipped in British steamers to Shanghai.

British Consul Consulted.  
After the seizure, the agents of the A.P.C. consulted the British Consul. A party was sent to recover the lighter which was then brought back to the A.P.C. installation and unloaded under the protection of the A.P.C. staff.

No opposition was made by the authorities.—British Naval Wireless.

### PEKING SURPRISE.

Luxury Tax Put Into Effect After All.

Peking, Yesterday.  
Some surprise was occasioned by the imposition of the luxury tax from to-day in view of the recent statement of the Finance Ministry postponing the levy of same until January 1.

The tax, however, is apparently only being levied at present on real luxuries such as curios, jewellery, the finest silks, and only on fresh imports and not on sales of existing stocks held by the merchants as originally intended.—Reuter.

### BOYCOTT ENDED.

Ichang Chinese Commissioner Apologises.

Ichang, Yesterday.  
The Chinese Commissioner for Foreign Affairs has expressed his regret for the boycott by lightermen of one British firm, and the boycott has now terminated.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: The boycott was instigated as retaliation against the refusal of a British ship to give passage to a Chinese general and his bodyguard from Ichang down to Shasi, 87 miles below. The British Senior Naval Officer, Upper Yangtze, had to intervene at the time, to prevent a breach of neutrality.]

### SALT TROUBLE OVER.

Wuhu, Yesterday.

Trouble here in connection with taxes on salt appear to have been settled to the satisfaction of all parties. The cargo in question is now being taken up the Yangtze to Hankow.—British Naval Wireless.

### DEFENCE FORCE.

CASUALTIES IN THE FAR EAST.

London, Yesterday.  
The casualties in the British Expeditionary Force in China were enumerated by Lord Onslow in the House of Lords as follows:

Army—Seven died and 33 were injured owing to accidents or disease; two died and 13 were injured owing to wounds.

Air force—Four died and three were injured due to accidents.

Navy—No casualties in action.—Reuter.

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## AGAINST NANKING.

Kiukiang People Again Hostile.

WHAT THE POSTERS SIGNIFY.  
Long-Suffering Peasants Arm Themselves.

Kiukiang, Yesterday.  
Posters have been put up here exhorting opposition to the Nanking Government. About 4,000 Nationalist troops have passed Kiukiang (in transports) on their way up the Yangtze River.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Kiukiang is 252 miles above Nanking and 142 miles below Hankow. It is at present in Nationalist hands but the local general, like others elsewhere, may be hostile to the Nationalist headquarters at Nanking.]

General Leave Hankow.  
Hankow, Yesterday.

Generals Cheng Chien and Li Tsung-jen, who were joint commanders-in-chief of Nanking's victorious expedition against Hankow, have left Hankow to attend the Nationalist Convention to be held at Shanghai.—British Naval Wireless.

THE "INVULNERABLES."

Wanhien Peasants to Defend Themselves.

Wanhien, Yesterday.  
The peasantry have organised themselves into armed bands known as the "Invulnerables" to resist the depredations of all military bands passing through their territory.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: For their own protection against the ravages of regular troops, peasants in Honan province have formed themselves into "Red Spear" societies and have done good work in harassing columns of regulars. Wanhien is above Ichang, on the Yangtze and the poor people here have suffered from periodic visitations by troops who were neither welcome nor capable.]

THE USUAL STORY.  
Peking Claims Victory Against Nationalists.

Peking, Yesterday.  
General Chang Tsung-chang claims that allied Fengtien forces are proceeding to the assistance of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's men along the Grand Canal and have defeated the Nationalists, recapturing Tsingkiangpu, and the Nationalists are retreating to Paoying.—Reuter.

Shanghai, Yesterday.  
Two strike pickets who were armed and were endeavouring to intimidate the employees of the Settlement tramway were shot down by the Municipal Police.

The sequel to such action has been a strike by the personnel of the tramway staff.—British Naval Wireless.

SUGAR RING.

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HUNGARY FAVOURABLE.

Berlin, Yesterday.  
A meeting has been held between Mr. Tarafa (Cuba) and German, Polish, and Czech sugar industrialists. The latter announced that, after hearing Mr. Tarafa's report on the negotiations in Amsterdam, that they ratified the Paris decisions, to which it is intimated that the Hungarian industry is also favourably disposed.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 8/16.

## OFFICIAL PANIC.

Are Ironsides "Using" Bandits?

STEAMERS AFRAID TO PROCEED  
Kongmoon Danger Through Troops' Evacuation.

Pakka, Kongmoon, Yesterday.  
Chinese authorities here have been in panic over the possibility of being attacked by bandits now that regular troops are being withdrawn from this locality.

The garrison here is under the Kwangsi military faction (which is opposed to the Ironsides in Canton).

As a matter of fact, the local authorities received information about movements of bandits, following the local Kwangsi garrison's removal for fear of being attacked by the Ironsides.

Afraid of the Dark.

Around Kuchau, to the east of Pakka, and in the Kongmoon district, bandits have been active. Steamers bound for Kongmoon were ordered to anchor and stay the night at Plover Island, until daylight, on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

A current rumour is that the bandits have been inspired by sources favourable to the Ironsides, the inference being that the bandits are to make trouble for the Kwangsi garrison.—British Naval Wireless.

## U. S. COMMERCE.

ALL RECORDS EXCEEDED LAST YEAR.

LITTLE UNEMPLOYMENT.

Washington, Yesterday.

Mr. Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, in his annual report, says that the fiscal year ended July 1 exceeded all records in volume of production and consumption and in the quantity of exports and imports.

There was very little unemployment. Wages were higher than anywhere in the world or at any time in world history.

The coal and textile industries were not so satisfactory, whilst the relatively low price of cotton depressed the farmers in the South, and there was some depression in agriculture in the mid-west, but there has been an improvement in both these sections since the fiscal year ended.

The manufacturing output appreciably increased even above the extremely high level of the previous year.

The banking record was one sound and uneventful growth of foreign underwriting by Americans and exceeded any corresponding period in the history of the United States.

The excess of exports over imports (so-called favourable trade balance) was \$716,000,000 (gold)—a very much greater figure than in the previous year.—Reuter's American Service.

## LOAN PROBLEMS.

LIABILITIES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

GUARANTEE FOR AUSTRIA.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was questioned in the House of Commons regarding the total liabilities of this country in guaranteeing loans raised by foreign countries under the auspices of the League of Nations.

Mr. Churchill replied that the only loan in respect of which this country had given any guarantee was the Austrian Guarantee Loan of 1923 24½ per cent, of which was guaranteed as to principal and interest by the British Government, both as to capital and interest in respect of this loan on March 31 last was £3,128,601, and the amounts in other currency equivalent, to about £3,800,000 at the present rate of exchange. While the British Government were liable under their guarantee, the Austrian Government had from the outset fully discharged the service of the loan and had already paid off £2,600,000 by the sinking fund.—British Wireless Service.

## "SCRAPITALLISM."

Soviet's Sweeping Proposals.

A CHORUS OF DECISION.  
"Great Misfortune For Cause Of Disarmament."

London, Yesterday.  
M. Litvinoff's "scrapitallism" at Geneva has evoked a chorus of decision in the Liberal papers equally seething as in the Conservative in condemnation of the scheme which alternatively is described as grotesque and farcical, "magnificent but not peace."

The "Daily Telegraph" declares that none but a simpleton would treat the plan at all seriously, while the "Daily News," which is particularly down on "Moscow's Peace Jest," points out that to ask England to disarm completely and leave her trade routes (whereon the very life of her thronged cities depends) utterly defenceless is not exactly the same as to ask Russia which is practically self-supporting to do so.

The plan generally is characterised as an obvious attempt to put the other great Powers in a false light. The "Daily Herald" alone reads in the proposals an invitation to the other Powers to reveal how far they are in earnest.—Reuter.

Joking.

Paris, Yesterday.  
Many of the newspapers commenting on the Soviet Geneva proposals, are of opinion that M. Litvinoff is joking, although the "Petit Parisien" thinks he is serious and that the Russians, if they had been refused a hearing, would have walked out and have denounced the hypocrisy of the capitalist Governments.—Reuter.

Pessimism in America.

New York, Yesterday.  
It is too early to forecast the reaction of the Soviet proposals in the United States but the majority of the papers are pessimistic regarding the conditions in Europe, the "New York World" contending that the network of defensive treaties is rapidly dividing Europe into great coalitions of armed States.—Reuter's American Service.

Security Pact.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The committee on Arbitration and Security was agreed to by the Preparatory Commission of the Disarmament Conference at Geneva yesterday. The Committee will consist of all countries represented on the Commission with the exception of Russia, who will send an observer and the United States which is considering whether to send an observer. Since the Committee will deal with the interpretation of certain clauses in the League covenant, which America has not signed, her participation was not expected but the American delegate, Mr. Hugh Wilson, stated that although his Government must leave to European States those matters which particularly concerned them in another part of the world, the United States had signed with Great Britain, France and Japan what really amounted to a Security Pact.

Strong Criticisms.

Most of the day's proceedings were occupied with the presentation of M. Litvinoff's sweeping proposals for the abolition of all land, sea and air forces and the destruction of all military supplies, which subsequently underwent some criticism from M. Paul Boncour (France) and M. Benes (Czechoslovakia).

The Russian proposals may be further discussed on the second reading of the Disarmament Convention.

The British Press, in commenting on M. Litvinoff's proposals, is unimpressed by their impracticability and dubious about their intentions.

The "Manchester Guardian" says: "Complete disarmament is a technical impossibility because every nation has some means of fighting even if battleships and guns are scrapped."

The "Daily Mail" speaks of M. Litvinoff's mocking proposals and thinks them a great misfortune for the cause of disarmament.

The "Daily Chronicle" describes them as a bad joke, the "Morning Post" as a farcical advertisement for the Soviet and the "Daily News" as meaningless irrelevance.

It is the general view of the newspapers that if practical results are to be attained it will only be through technical consideration of the problem in a scientific spirit and with due regard to international engagements and responsibilities of the States.

The idea that the abolition of all arms necessary means peace is dismissed.

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The sitting, which was entirely occupied with questions of procedure, adjourned till the morrow.—Reuter.

No U.S. Observer.

Washington, Yesterday.

The United States Government has decided to decline the invitation to send an observer to the meeting of the Security Committee at Geneva.—Reuter's American Service.

## "BIG BILL."

Protest Against Paleface Propaganda.

INDIAN INDIGNATION.  
Scalping Learned From Early White Settlers.

Chicago, Yesterday.  
The Mayor, "Big Bill" Thompson, was on the defensive to-day when a delegation of American Indians presented him with a protest against "paleface propaganda" against Indians in textbooks passed by him.

The delegates pointed out that much had been made of frontier battles in which the whites had heavy losses, while the battles in which many Indians, including women and children, were massacred, were toned down or ignored.

They also declared that scalping was not originally an Indian practice, but was learned from the early white settlers, who demanded proof of the enemies killed.

They added that the parsimonious Pilgrim Fathers paid bounties for scalps only if both ears were attached!—Reuter's American Service.

PERSIA'S TARIFFS.

QUESTION OF RELATIONS WITH BRITAIN.

STATEMENT IN COMMONS.

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons Mr. Saklatvala asked what were the contents of the recent Note from Britain to Persia and the state of Persian relations.

Mr. Locker-Lampson replied that our relations were friendly, but several questions were outstanding. The Note was a reply to an enquiry by the Persian Government regarding Britain's attitude to certain proposed tariff changes. The Note also dealt with other questions.—Reuter.

A Russian Addendum.

Geneva, Yesterday.

The Russian delegation has issued a long addendum to M. Litvinoff's speech, in which they declare that it is useless to enter into the question as to the responsibility for the late war, which was due to competition among the great capitalist States forced to maintain their colonial positions and markets for their greatly increased output, and declares that the results of the last Naval Disarmament Conference is fraught with danger owing to the strained relations between the participants. Therefore, the fear of the outbreak of a gigantic war is amply justified.—Reuter.

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SATURDAY, 3rd December, at 9.15 p.m.

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#### DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL SITE.

#### QUESTION OF PURCHASE.

The question of the purchase of the site of the old Diocesan Boys' School in Bonham Road was raised at a meeting of the Finance Committee yesterday when, among the votes was one of \$253,500 for the New Government Civil Hospital, Compensation for Resumption.

In reply to the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, the Chairman (the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax) said that this amount had been voted by a previous Finance Committee.

Mr. Shenton thought that the papers should be circulated to members of the present Finance Committee. It was a big sum of money and at least three members, including himself, knew nothing about it.

The Chairman explained that when the Diocesan Boys' School were making plans for the transfer of the school to Yaumati, arrangements for the private sale of the old premises were being negotiated. The necessity for rebuilding the Government Civil Hospital arose, and it was clear the use of the Diocesan Boys' School ground was necessary for the satisfactory development of the scheme if the new buildings of the Hospital were to be erected in close proximity to the old ones. The negotiations for the private sale of the Diocesan Boys' School property hung fire and ultimately collapsed, and as it was necessary for the Government to secure control of the area for the new Hospital, they did so. The Finance Committee had been fully consulted from the beginning, the figure had been accepted and the Government was definitely committed. He asked the Committee to approve the vote and any further information required would be given.

Hon. Mr. Shenton said he was quite satisfied with the explanation.

The day will come when the Mother Country will take second place to Canada.—Mr. Reginald McKenna.

### DRUNK OR SOBER?

#### LEGAL DEFINITION OF THE TERM.

#### AT YESTERDAY'S COUNCIL.

The legal definition of "drunkenness" was among the matters referred to by the Attorney-General in moving the first reading—yesterday of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Magistrates' Ordinance, 1890. Sections of the principal Ordinance, he stated, dealt with offences by persons whilst drunk. The interpretation of this term had given rise to a great deal of difficulty in the Courts here and still was a matter of great difficulty and uncertainty.

Referring to the report of the Committee appointed by the British Medical Association in October 1925 to consider the interpretation of the word "drunk," the Attorney-General said that their recommendations regarding such definition had been included in the present Bill, viz., "For the purposes of sub-sections (3) and (4) a person shall be deemed to have been drunk if he was so much under the influence of alcohol as to have lost control of his faculties to such an extent as to render him unable, to execute safely the occupation on which he was engaged at the time in question."

#### Motor Car Control.

It was obvious, of course, that a person might be intoxicated to a certain extent and yet be able to carry on his particular occupation with perfect safety to himself and others, whilst in another case, such as the control of a motor car, a less degree of intoxication would make him a source of danger both to himself and the general public. The test adopted was whether the state of intoxication was such as to render him unable to execute safely the particular occupation on which he was engaged at the time in question. This was the first general point dealt with by the Bill.

The second dealt with appeals from magistrates' decisions, providing that if any appeal was rendered impossible by the death, absence or incapacity of the magistrate whose decision was appealed against, the Full Court shall have power to order the case to be tried "de novo," whilst the third point dealt with loitering to commit a felony.

#### Loitering.

The Vagrancy Act of 1824 makes it an offence for a suspected person or reputed thief to frequent streets, docks and so on with intent to commit a felony. Very often it is difficult to prove frequenting, because to prove frequenting you must be able to show that the man has visited that street for that purpose at least more than once. On the other hand it may be quite obvious from his known character and his actions that he can only be there for an unlawful purpose. In England the law was altered a good many years ago and it was made an offence for suspected persons or reputed thieves to loiter with the view to committing a felony. That amendment, made in England in 1881, is now to be made here by a section of this Bill. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a first time.

#### Hong Kong Police Reserve.

The Attorney-General moved the first reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to provide for the formation, establishment and regulation of the Hong Kong Police Reserve. He said: To a large extent this Bill will repeat the provisions of the present Police Reserve Ordinance, but it does make three somewhat important changes in the law relating to the Reserve. In the first place it will dispense with the oath of allegiance and will substitute an undertaking to serve in the Reserve and to obey all the rules and regulations in force during the period of the individual's service.

In the second place all penalties for breaches of discipline, other, of course, than reprimand and dismissal, are abolished except when the Reserve is called out for active service. It is obvious when it is called out for active service, that these penalties must revive for the period of active service.

In the third place powers are given in the Bill to the Governor-in-Council to direct that members of the Reserve be paid when the Reserve is called out for service. The regulations proposed to be made under this Ordinance when it is passed have been published in the "Gazette." I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

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#### The Boy Scouts.

The Bill intitled An Ordinance to further and protect the activities of the Boy Scouts Association, and to incorporate the Hong Kong branch thereof, passed all remaining stages and became law.

#### His Excellency's Thanks.

At the conclusion of the business of the Council, His Excellency said: Before we adjourn, gentlemen, I should like to express my indebtedness to the Official and Unofficial members alike, both

of the Executive and Legislative Councils, for the very ready help and co-operation which they have given to me at all times while I have been administering the Government of this Colony in the absence of His Excellency the Governor. As it is probably the last time I shall have the pleasure of meeting you all together for some months, I would like also to take this opportunity of wishing you all, and the Colony a very prosperous future.

The Council adjourned sine die.

#### OLD ROMAN GRAVES.

Nauen, Nov. 13.

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## SHIPPING SECTION.

### LAUNCH PURCHASE.

#### VOTE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At yesterday's meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, the Chairman (Mr. E. R. Hallifax), explained that there was a vote for next year in the estimates for the Imports and Exports Department for \$7,000 for the purchase of a launch. An opportunity had now arisen of purchasing an entirely satisfactory launch for \$4,750. That would mean a considerable saving, and it was proposed to purchase.

Replying to the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, the Chairman said the launch had been inspected by the Government Marine Surveyor, who had reported satisfactorily and considered it well worth the price.

The Committee approved.

#### MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The s.s. "Wray Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on October 15, and is expected here to-morrow.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Yokohama for Vancouver on November 25 at 3 p.m., and is due at Vancouver on Sunday.

The E. & A. Company's s.s. "St. Albans" left Sydney for this port on November 12 at a.m. with the outward Australian Mails, and is due here on December 5.

The B. I. s.s. "Talma" will leave Amoy for this port on December 6 at p.m., and is due here on December 7 at p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" (Capt. S. Robinson, C.B.E., R.N.R.) leaves Manila to-morrow at 4 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on Monday at 8 a.m.

when she will berth at Pier 1.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong via Japan ports and Shanghai, on November 19, and is due here on December 7.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Yokohama yesterday at 8.30 a.m. left same at 1 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on December 8.

The M.V. "Remo" (D. & Co.) sailed from Penang on November 28, and is expected here on December 8.

The s.s. "Calulu" (D. & Co.) sailed from Rabaul on November 30, and is expected here on December 19.

The s.s. "Corby Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from Honolulu on November 26, and is expected here on January 1, 1928.

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### PILLAGED CARGOES.

#### HEAVY AUSTRALIAN LOSSES REPORTED.

The text of the report on pillaged and short landed cargoes which a committee representing shipowners, merchants, chambers of commerce and indemnity associations published recently in London has been received by mail. It states that over a period of three years the shipowners in the Australian trade—although not necessarily entirely from the United Kingdom and Continent—have paid in claims not less than £175,000. Further figures show that on 110 steamers from which returns have been furnished, the amount paid in claims on cargo shipped from the United Kingdom and Continent was £11,139, averaging 2 1/2 a ton of cargo carried. This represents the amount paid per ton on "pillaged" cargo only, as distinct from "non-pillaged" cargo such as iron, tin, plates, paper and general dead weight cargo. The amounts paid for pillaged and short-landed cargo by nine lines amounted in 1924 to £1,723; 1925, to £50,164; and 1926 to £42,368.

Figures supplied by one line engaged in the Australian and other trades show conclusively, the committee states, that the pillage in the Australian trade is much greater than in other directions.

The amounts as paid per ton of cargo carried from the United Kingdom and Continent, whether "pillaged" cargo or not at the ports mentioned, are as follow:—

Pence per ton.  
Singapore .. 1.0  
Hong Kong .. 3.3  
Shanghai .. 2.5  
Kobe .. 0.8  
Yokohama .. 1.2  
Adelaide .. 1.7  
Melbourne .. 2.2  
Sydney .. 4.8  
Brisbane .. 15.9

One of the protection and indemnity associations reports that in three years 80 per cent. of the total round voyage cargo claims have arisen in the Australian trade, leaving 20 per cent. to cover the claims on all other trades, the 80 per cent. being divided: 50 per cent. on Australian and 30 per cent. on New Zealand cargo, in spite of the fact that only 50 vessels were engaged exclusively in the Australasian trade out of 742 vessels entered in the association.

One line reports that their losses on the homeward cargo from Australia averaged 14.15d. per ton as against 1.35d. per ton from the Far East. Seven importing firms in Sydney who have supplied figures give their total losses in 1925 as £5,600 and in 1926 as £7,000.

Although as the figures supplied by the nine lines show, the claims for 1925 were higher than those for 1926, nevertheless it is claimed that the results of recent years, taken together, compared with the results of years immediately preceding them show that pillage is on the increase. "While from the information before us," the committee states, "it is quite apparent that the bulk of the claims paid result from pillage or thefts which take place overseas, nevertheless we feel justified in saying that pillage does take place either before the cargo is delivered to the shipping company at the shipping ports, or on board the steamer."

#### DUNDALK PORT.

##### PROPOSED INTERVIEW WITH L.M.S. BOARD.

The London, Midland and Scottish Harbour Commission has invited the Dundalk Harbour Commissioners to send a deputation for an interview in reference to the board's scheme of development, which includes the taking over of the interest in quays now vested in private ownership, at an outlay to be determined by arbitration. The L.M.S. Co., has fixed no date for the proposed interview, but the commissioners have accepted the invitation.

The engineer reported that since July 15, about 58,600 tons had been lifted by the dredger plant which he considered satisfactory, in view of the fact that the plant is 48 years old.

The tonnage entered for September was 18,697 tons, which included 7,618 tons Dundalk and Newry sailings. The receipts were £598 18s. 6d., and the expenses £700.

#### FISHERMAN DROWNED.

Whilst he was taking fish in hatin waters yesterday, the boat in which a 73-year-old fisherman was sitting suddenly capsized. The man sank immediately and was drowned. His body has not yet been recovered.

#### NOTICE TO MASTERS.

Owing to martial law having been declared in the Swatow area, the Commander-in-Chief of the Eighth Route Army has notified that all vessels, foreign or Chinese are "not allowed" to enter or leave the port of Swatow between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

A notification to mariners at the harbour office indicates that the fog bell at Lungtung Island has been removed and will be replaced about the middle of February next.

### ROAD WALKING.

#### LEICESTER COMPETITORS' SUCCESS.

The winner of the Windsor to London walk in aid of the British Empire Cancer Campaign was T. Lloyd Johnson, of the Leicester Walking Club.

Johnson first asserted himself about ten miles from the start at Windsor Castle, when he was third to J. W. Joy (Wibsey Park) and C. H. Heaney (Preston). At fifteen miles Joy and Johnson shared the lead in the time of 2 hours 15 minutes 6 seconds, and the Leicester walker was in front at twenty miles in 3 hours 0 minutes 35 seconds. Eventually he proved an easy winner at Wellington Barracks, in 3 hours 51 minutes 37 seconds. The first three home were: T. Lloyd Johnson (Leicester Walking Club), 3 h. 51 min. 37 sec.; J. H. Taylor (Derby Walking Club), 3 h. 54 min. 29 sec.; L. G. Sandy (Surrey Athletic Club), 3 h. 55 min. 44 sec. 3.

Surrey Athletic Club, winners of the South London Centre race, had the low total of 19 points and beat Wibsey Park into second place by ten points. Derby Walking Club, winners of the Leicester Centre contest, being third, with a total of thirty points.

### TOURIST SHIP.

#### "OP TEN NOOT" LEAVES SAIGON.

Saigon, Nov. 18.

The Dutch liner s.s. "Op Ten Noot" of the Royal Steam-ship Navigation Company, carrying 108 passengers, arrived here on Friday morning. In spite of the briefness of the visit, 45 of the tourists set out for Angkor Wat by motor cars which had been placed at their disposal by the tourist bureau which governs travel in Cochinchina and Cambodia, and enabled them to view in the shortest possible space of time the marvels of the Wat in question.

#### A STRANGE TALE.

Paris, Nov. 17.

A British group has signed a contract for the establishment of a port in the Gulf of Liatung, opposite Yingchow, Manchuria.

Japan is preparing a protest to China on the ground that the project infringes her rights which have been recognised by treaties, and, at the same time, she intends to protest against the payment out of the funds of that railway there which the Chinese have nearly finished.

#### ARGENTINE NAVAL ORDERS.

The Argentine Navy still has some building contracts to give, but the prospects of the British yards getting them do not appear to be bright. The French financiers are active in promoting the loan which the Argentine Government desires, and if they are successful the remaining orders will certainly go to the French yards, which have a powerful backing in financial circles. Italy and Spain have already benefited by the Republic's desire to increase its navy, but up to now only two small craft have been ordered on the "Type." It is true that since the middle of 1914 the Argentine Navy has favoured the Italian yards for its cruisers, but before that Laird's of Birkenhead and Armstrong, Whitworths shared the orders for the big ships, while Yarrows and Thornycrofts built most of their torpedo craft, and these vessels were so satisfactory, and have lasted so remarkably well that the present trend of events is very disappointing.

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DEVANHA	8,155	21st Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MALWA	10,980	4th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MACE DONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
* KHYA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
* KASHMIR	8,985	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
* KALYAN	9,141	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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* MALWA	10,980	27th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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The London correspondent of the "Ceylon Observer" writes:—  
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The forerunner of the eighth century is followed by the long rowing-boat in which William the Conqueror sailed the Channel. These look as much utility vessels as the ironclads at the other end. But in between there is sight of the battleships that sailed the seas in pageantry. There is a beautiful model of a warship of Henry II's day. It carried castles and a fighting top and a great square sail very bravely coloured with heraldic beasts—a fine, showy vessel.

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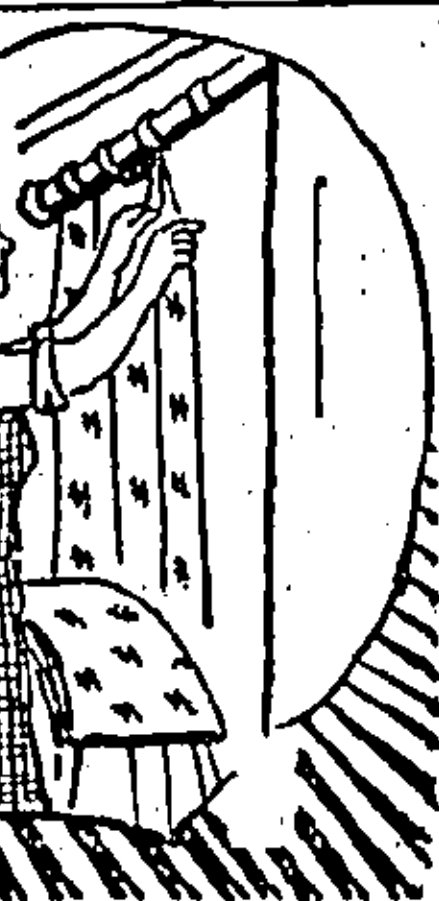
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DEATH.

McCUBBIN.—On December 1, 1927,  
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Rugby, John McCubbin, late of  
the Hong Kong & China Gas  
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Hong Kong, Friday, Dec. 2, 1927.

BRITAIN AND PEACE.

On the opening of yet another series of disarmament conferences at Geneva—this one termed the Preparatory Disarmament Commission—it is meet that we should devote a little consideration to what is likely to arise out of its deliberations. But, before that is possible, it is essential that we should have a definite grasp of our—the British—official view of the whole vexing subject. In other words, what is our policy? Previous confidences, sad to relate, have not disclosed it, and the latest dicta on the matter, contained in the propagandist message despatched by the British Wireless Service on Sunday, and published in this journal on Monday, is not at all helpful. "Any effective means of peace and disarmament will be supported by intense British sincerity" carries us nowhere. Sir Austen Chamberlain and other delegates, have been saying the same thing for months—yet, where are we? Perhaps there are some fortunate people in Britain to-day who know what the British policy toward disarmament comprises, but we are willing to wager that there is not a soul in Hong Kong who does. Here we are in the position of the Smaller Powers who, at Geneva recently, during the sitting of the League of Nations Assembly, bitterly attacked what they considered to constitute Britain's policy toward peace. Every attack was in dif-

ferent vein, simply because more of them could say what our view, our aim, was or is. In consequence our sincerity in "the struggle for peace" has been gravely questioned.

Readers of these lines in Hong Kong would not go so far, we presume, as to question our Government's sincerity of purpose, but the fact remains that we are left, as the other Powers at Geneva were left, to form our own conclusions. Essentially loyal, we merely sit tight and hope for the best. Still, the position is disquieting. The Geneva Protocol we know, so far as Britain is concerned, has been buried as a tactical mistake. Sir Austen Chamberlain made that point clear in replying to our critics at the League Assembly when he told them, in so many words, that if they should insist on seeking peace through that much abused instrument, or by means of any other obligation into which the British Empire could not enter, he would rather see the League itself go to perdition than accept commitments that would disrupt "the smaller but older League," the British Imperial Commonwealth.

Here, it seems, in the opinion of many, the British spokesman "let the cat out of the bag" in regard to our policy. His statement was certainly dogmatic and challenging; no wonder the Smaller Powers felt aggrieved. It may be safely surmised, however, that these words of Sir Austen's by no means were intended to epitomise British policy, that they merely constituted his emphatic reassertion that we will have nothing to do with the terms and conditions of the old Protocol. In this line of action, fortunately, we have the support of most of the Greater Powers.

SESSIONS CASE.

CHINESE CHARGED WITH  
THEFT OF \$300.

The Chinese arrested in connection with the theft from a Kwong-chauwan pig dealer on the waterfront of over \$300 in notes, was this morning committed by R. E. Lindell to stand his trial at the Criminal Sessions.

RADIO CABLES.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH  
COMPANIES.

London, Yesterday.  
Reuter is authorised by the Eastern Associated Telegraph Companies to state that the position regarding radio cable systems is under consideration between the Government and the Companies.

THE QUANTS.

"THE BLUE TRAIN" IN  
THEATRE ROYAL.

SPLENDID PERFORMANCE.

Again we have the pleasure of commenting on the well-known Salisbury Company's effort which was staged at the Theatre Royal last evening and will be repeated this evening. We have never been disappointed with this world famous Company and last evening's performance was right up to standard. There was not a dull moment from beginning to end. Complications in the corridor of the Blue Train brought down the house. New jokes were sprung that will pass around the Clubs for many months hence. An appropriate joke for the day after St. Andrew's ball was the conundrum "What is the difference between a Scot and a canoe?", the answer being that the canoe TIPS!

It would be hard to mention individually the members of the cast, but we were delighted with the portrayal of "Elaine" by Ella Erskine and her "opposite number," Dudley Page as "Bunny," the confirmed bachelor, who was finally caught in the bonds of Hymen. We must mention our old friend, Gordon Rennie, who certainly was, as usual, "the life of the party." His agility and wit kept the house in laughter. When he attempted to climb steps harnessed in his skis the audience almost collapsed.

The scenery was quite good, and of course, the music splendid. We were "intrigued" with several of the catchy numbers such as "When a Girl is in Love With a Man" sung by Frances Day and Edmund Nash, who later sang together another clever piece, "Eileen." Last, but not least, we wish to mention the "snappy" chorus who helped in no small way to make the entertainment enjoyable, and as "Felix" the conductor of the Blue Train, George Curzon provided no little enjoyment.

Without dealing too much in superlatives, we can say that The Blue Train is right up to Salisbury Company standards and we hope that we will see them in Hong Kong again in the near future. If you want a laugh, want to forget those "pesky" shroffs, to forget that you are "a long way from Tipperary" (or Aberdeen or Piccadilly Circus, Oskosh, U.S.A., or wherever you hail from) go to see The Quants this evening—it's your last chance.

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GAS COMPANY.

DEATH ON RETIREMENT.

His many friends in Hong Kong will regret to hear of the death at "Hillcrest," Hillmorton, Rugby, of Mr. John McCubbin, late of the Hong Kong and China Gas Company.

Mr. McCubbin's death, which is announced by cable, took place on the 1st inst.

Mr. McCubbin was an old resident of the Colony well-known to and respected by a wide circle of friends. He went home on retirement in 1923 after twenty-five years' service as resident engineer with the Hong Kong and China Gas Company.

Prior to his service in the East, Mr. McCubbin had managed the Gas Works at Cherley, Lancs. He was a native of Greenock and an active member of the Hong Kong & St. Andrew's Society in which he had held office.

Mr. McCubbin was also a Freemason.

As an old member and President of the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders he was perhaps best known amongst the engineering and shipping fraternity. He was a member of the Institution for 22 years, a member of the Committee from 1904 to 1922 and President from 1913-1914.

On the occasion of his retirement from the Colony, Mr. McCubbin was presented with an address by the President, Committee and members of the Institution, placing on record the respect and esteem in which he was held and bearing tribute to the enduring impression of his personality and deep interest in the Institution. This presentation was made by Mr. S. Baker.

Mr. McCubbin is survived by a wife and son, now at Home, and a married daughter (Mrs. J. Stewart) of Taikoo Dockyard.

The sympathy of a wide circle of friends will go out to the family in their bereavement.

As compared with the British, the French are not fond of literature.—Mr. Arnold Bennett.

With an A1 mechanical progress in the world, there is only a C3 moral progress.—The Bishop of Winchester.

The letter that cannot be answered in a telegram does not need to be answered at all.—Mr. Robert Lynd.

"SCRAPITALLISM."

(Continued from Page 1.)

Britain's Lead.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Lord Cushendun, speaking at to-day's meeting of the new Committee on arbitration and security at Geneva, referred to the fact that he succeeded Viscount Cecil as the British representative to the League of Nations. He said that this change in no way implied a change of British policy, which continued to be that Britain would do her best to promote the causes of disarmament, arbitration, and security. There was one word which he would have avoided had he been in the place of some of the earlier speakers. That was the word "protocol." He made it clear that Great Britain could not again revert to a discussion of the ideas embodied in the Protocol.

Regarding arbitration, Lord Cushendun pointed out that Great Britain had practised arbitration for the last fifty years—long before the organisation of the League—in the settlement of international disputes. He proposed that the members of the Committee or a properly appointed sub-Committee should bring before the Committee definite and practicable proposals for arbitration rather than vague resolutions. Great Britain, he assured the Committee, was as anxious as any country to arrive at "real results."

In the House of Commons Mr. Baldwin was asked about the proposals made by the Russian representatives at Geneva for universal disarmament. He replied that until he had been officially advised of the proposals he preferred to make no comment.

Smaller Navies.

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, speaking in London, said he resented the tone of people who said we were equally to blame with other parties for the failure of the Geneva Naval Disarmament Conference. America, he declared, never would say that size they were going to build within their 400,000 tons. That was why it was impossible to agree.

Mr. Bridgeman added that he did not think it possible for Britain to have given way on the strongest principle which she had held—that future cruisers should be a defensive and not an offensive weapon. He gave the following figures of the fighting fleets:—

1914 warships—704; tonnage 2,695,000.

1924 warships—1,827; tonnage 3,294,000.

1927 warships—395; tonnage 1,440,000.

None can say this country has not made an effort toward reduction of armaments," he remarked.—British Wireless Service.

BURGLAR JAILED.

ONE OF A GANG FROM  
CANTON.

GUILT ADMITTED.

Sergeant Fitches this morning charged a Chinese youth before Major C. Willson with the larceny from the third floor of No. 118, Hollywood Road of two rattan baskets containing clothing, two rings worth \$18, and a pair of earrings worth \$15.

The accused pleaded "guilty."

The inmates of the house were awakened by a little girl who saw a man on the verandah. Before the people could act, the man had disappeared. The police were immediately informed, and in the course of investigation, the Sergeant came across a man loitering in a lane. He was arrested on suspicion and volunteered to take the police to the robbers' haunt. Here the accused was arrested, pretending to sleep on a cot. When questioned, he admitted being concerned in the burglary in Hollywood Road, but said that another man had got away with the booty. This gang, the Sergeant added, had only recently come down from Canton.

The Magistrate passed sentence of three months' hard labour.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships and auxiliaries were in harbour this morning: North Wall Basin, Witherington; South Wall Basin, Peterel and Tern; East Wall Basin Subs. L7, L8, L15, L19 and L20; North Arm, Francol and Wivern; West Wall Dock, Titania and L2 and L3; In Dock, Nessus, Stormcloud, Stealing and Cicalea; Buoy 1, Argus; Buoy 2, Wolverine; Buoy 3, Bluebell; Buoy 4, Herald; Buoy 5, Iroquois; Buoy 7, Marston; Buoy 8, Ambrose and L5, L27, L33 and L1; Buoy 10, Seraph; Buoy 11, Seraphs and Sirdar; Buoy 12, Somme; Buoy 13, Bruce; Buoy 19, Belgol; Buoy 20, Veteran; Buoy 26, Khark; Buoy A26, Ruthenia; Also in harbour, U.S.S. Pampanga.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

A rose by any other name would cost as little.

An Aberdonian told a friend of his intention to pay a visit to London. His friend informed him that it was very lucky to throw a halfpenny out of the carriage as he crossed the bridges on the way South. On his return home he was asked how he got on.

"Well enough," was his reply. "I got on fine crossing the Dee, and managed a' richt at the Tay Bridge, but when I came to the Forth Bridge the string got mixed up with the girders, and I lost my ha'penny."

Wife—"You seem disappointed with your parcel."

Husband—"Yes. I answered an advertisement for a device to keep down gas bills, and the firm sent me a paperweight."

Quack Medicine Vendor—"Sir, I might mention as a slight testimonial to this world-famed 'Rejuvenator' that, a year ago, after taking one small dose overnight, upon awakening in the morning, I said to my wife, 'Mother, give me my satchel—I shall be later for school!'"

Mrs. Jenkinson had been to a political meeting, and when she returned home she regaled her husband with her party views.

"We are going to sweep the country, John," she exclaimed.

"Then," remarked her husband, "you had better start with the kitchen, dear!"

Jeweller—"If I were you, I would not have 'George' to his dearest Alice engraved. If Alice changes her mind, you can't use the ring again."

Young Man—"What would you suggest?"

"I would suggest the words 'George' to his first and only love."

A chemist was aroused one night by the violent ringing of his front-door bell. On looking out of the window, he saw a young girl in evening dress.

"What's the matter, miss?" he asked.

"Oh, no," she replied, in sweet tones, "but I'm dancing at a ball close by, and I've run out of rouge."

"Indeed!" snorted the disgruntled chemist. "I'm sorry, but I never keep enough rouge in stock to cover a cheek like yours!"

The teacher was pointing out to his pupils the abbreviations of names. At the end of the lesson he said to a small boy at the back of the class:

"Now, Leslie, what is the full name of 'Bobby'?"

Leslie: "Please sir—Policeman!"

"Why did you strike the telegraph operator?" asked the magistrate of the man who was summoned for assault.

"Well, I gave him a telegram to send to my girl, and he started reading it. So I ups and gives him one!"

Harold was an untidy lad, and, although his mother made every effort to encourage him, he never folded his clothes when he went to bed. One night, after he had retired, his mother came into the bedroom. Harold's clothes were scattered all over the floor. One sock was even suspended from the gas bracket.

"I wonder," began the good lady, patiently, "who never folded his clothes when he went to bed?"

And from the bed came a small, muffled voice: "Adam!"

Debtor (meeting creditor in street): "Glad to see you." (Offering snuff-box): "Have a pinch, old chap!"

Creditor: "Thanks; but let us first settle that bill. You escaped the other day while I was sneezing!"

"Uilo, Sam, wot's up? Been in a railway accident?"

"No, a feller chucked some termaters at me!"

"But surely termaters didn't crack yer head?"

"No; but the man fergot to take the tin off 'em!"

Missionary: Yes, Miss Smith, so remote was our position that for two years the only white face my wife saw was my own.

Miss Smith: Oh, poor thing!

Cubist: I paint a picture in a morning and think nothing of it. Critic: You're with the majority there!

"What do you know of the character of this man?" was asked of a witness at a police court.

"What do I know of his character? I know it to be unbleachable, your worship!" the witness replied, with much emphasis.



## MORPHIA "DEAL"?

FURTHER EVIDENCE IN  
POLICE COURT.

## CROWN CASE CONCLUDED.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, for the defence of James Christie, and Christopher Blum charged in connection with the alleged morphia "deal," resumed his cross-examination of Leslie Ernest Haynes, the principal witness for the prosecution, as the result of whose information the police set a trap which resulted in the accused's arrest.

Mr. Leask's first question at the resumption before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy, was to ask Haynes if he knew Kentwell, and the witness replied that he did.

In reply to other questions, Haynes said that Kentwell was in Hong Kong about the time he met Christie in the King Edward Hotel. Haynes denied that at his meeting with Christie he said to him "Kentwell is in Hong Kong, you must meet him." He admitted, however, that he did mention Kentwell's name to Christie. Kentwell, Haynes explained, had defended Mr. Leask's client (Christie) in Shanghai. Christie did not go to the witness's knowledge see Kentwell, but he said that he would look him up. The witness certainly did not try to arrange a meeting between Christie and Kentwell. Haynes (Haynes) only saw Kentwell once in Hong Kong. He was coming out of the Hotel Savoy, and they had a drink together.

Mr. Leask: Have you tried to run any papers in Hong Kong?—Yes, "The Ladies Weekly."

What was the fate of that paper?—The fate was this, the so-called business manager, an Australian, helped himself to—I may say embezzled—sundry sums of money, and was convicted before Major Willson.

No breath of suspicion against you in connection with it?—I certainly don't think so, I saw the Crown Solicitor on the whole matter, so the paper closed.

Who closed it down? Was it closed by the authorities?—The authorities? Certainly not. It started on very limited capital, relying on advertising. A man called Trevor embezzled certain sums of money and I could not carry on the printing bill.

## "A Man From Saigon."

Dealing with Haynes's evidence, Mr. Leask said: "You said most of the time during your conversations with Christie was taken up in talking about arms."

Haynes: Yes. He offered me \$1,000 to pose as a man from Saigon to certain Chinese coming from Canton.

Answering another suggestion that at these meetings arms were chiefly discussed, Haynes said that seventy-five per cent. of the conversations were about arms.

Mr. Leask then suggested that the question of arms was brought up by Haynes and not by Christie, and Haynes replied that he was definitely asked to act. It was not true that the witness wanted to act and that Christie refused to allow him to take part.

Haynes gave an answer of "Absolutely no" to a suggestion by Mr. Leask that it was for the reason that he was not allowed to participate that the witness reported to the police.

Haynes said that he did not wish to deal in arms or drugs. He did not wish to know Christie and could not afford to do so. This was his reply to Mr. Leask's question as to what reason he had for reporting to the police. He added: "I realise now that I might lay myself open to somebody 'waking sleeping dogs,' but I did not realise it at that time."

Asked what he meant by "sleeping dogs," Haynes replied "Court publicity."

Mr. Leask: Does it mean that you were afraid you might be implicated, having had conversation with the first defendant?—No.

Mr. Lindell: It certainly meant that.

Witness: I had no desire to deal in drugs or in arms and I never wished to be on intimate terms with Christie, and in my present position I cannot afford to. My first inclination was to write him a chit.

Mr. Leask: Would it not have been enough to tell Mr. King and leave it there?—I thought it would end there.

## Arms and Heroin.

Asked about his first interview with Christie at Victoria Gardens on a Saturday, when as the witness stated, three quarters of the time was occupied in talking about a deal in arms, and subsequently switched to a mention of a deal in heroin in which Christie asked him to get in touch with buyers for him, Haynes said that he would not say that Christie asked him to do it, but he said: "If you can, there will be a little commission for you."

Mr. Leask asked why a man like Christie, whom Haynes knew to have been 20 years on the China

const should ask him to introduce Chinese buyers, and Haynes said: I can only assume that he thought I was safe. My assumption is that, knowing I was involved with his colleague in London, he thought I was safe. He apparently gave me very full confidence. Mr. Leask: Which you abused. Witness: Rightly or wrongly abused.

Referring to Haynes's mention of Christie's statement that a commission was taken to Shanghai by a man named "George," Mr. Leask suggested that the name "George" was never mentioned in Hong Kong.

Haynes replied that at the hotel he was told to get a telegram addressed to "George" from the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, and he told Christie that he was known at the Telegraph Company. This conversation he telephoned to the police.

Answering another question, Haynes said that he did not recollect Christie and a man named "George" negotiating for a ship, the "Talbot," in Shanghai. He admitted, however, that he had heard of the "Talbot."

By Mr. Lindell: He never met the man "George."

Mr. Leask suggested that the only time "George" was mentioned to Haynes was in connection with the "Talbot" in Shanghai, and this Haynes denied. He said it was certainly never mentioned in Shanghai.

Mr. Leask: Although you were reporting the case?—Yes, I have my copies of the "Shanghai Mercury." It is about an arms seizure.

Mr. Leask: When you introduced the first witness, Au Yeung, to the first defendant, what did you introduce him as?—First of all as "my man" and then as a brother of a former pupil of mine.

Mr. Leask: And also as a wealthy merchant from the Straits interested in oil?

Witness: Oh! Never! Oil was never mentioned at any time.

Was there no suggestion that this wealthy Chinese was going to open up agencies in South China?

Witness: Certainly not. There was no suggestion of any deal of any nature in oil.

## "Long Life" Oil.

Asked further questions, Haynes said that he never heard of "Long Life" oil. He also said that when Christie and Blum saw him at St. George Hotel on November 3 he was with Sergeant Baker. He did not mention when giving evidence that Sergeant Baker was present because he was not asked. He added that when Christie was introduced to Baker, he (Haynes) was nervous and shaking like a leaf. He introduced Baker as Mr. Jessman, and shortly afterwards Baker left. Christie was very keen to know who the man was, and witness said that he was out of a job and wanted to borrow \$10. He certainly did not say that he was keeping and assisting him. He did mention that Baker or Jessman was a man he (Haynes) had known years ago down in the Straits.

Mr. Leask suggested that Haynes said Baker was one of those Straits hums, and Haynes denied this, adding: "I said he was a hanger on and that he was one of poor Frank Lammert's pals. Frank Lammert was very well known for helping people in public."

Led back to the telegram from "George," Haynes said he did not know what code was used, neither could he remember the number or the date of the cable.

In further cross-examination, Haynes said that the \$300 handed by Au Yeung to Christie was on account of expenses in connection with Blum's trip to Shanghai and back, but it was understood all

along that this amount was to be deducted from the prices of the goods.

Arising from Haynes's previous statement that he was not told by Christie of the gold mine of Siam Mr. King put a corroborative question to witness, and got the reply that Haynes has never had access at any time to Christie's documents.

## Other Evidence.

Mr. H. A. Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Imports and Exports, and Government Monopoly Analyst, gave formal evidence that neither of the accused had permits to deal in drugs. He then said that amongst the different brands of morphia, the Hoffmann La Roche, of Swiss origin, and the Merck, of German make, were two well-known brands. Morphia changed hands at this part of the world at \$300 per lb., or over \$600 per kilogram.

Miss Annie Cordello, the Portuguese girl typist employed by Christie, said that she had been working in the office in the first floor of No. 480, Nathan Road, only two days previous to the police visit. On that day she was told by Christie to go home when Haynes and the Chinese arrived, and returned at her usual hour in the afternoon to find that the police had been there.

A son of the landlady of the house in evidence stated that he was promised a cheque by Christie for the rent, but when he called again the following day, Christie had not given it.

Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds, who was one of the police party which arrived at the house to take the two accused into custody, said that there was also a warrant for the arrest of a third man, which was not executed. Since then they had been looking for a man named Karim Din.

The officers produced certain documents seized during the visit. One of these was a letter with an address at Shanghai and the name "Hoffmann" on the back. Blum had two passports, one of these being a Cantonese passport. Neither document had a Hong Kong visa.

From a deed box found on the desk, a sheet of papers was also produced. His Worship, after an examination, remarked that it looked like an agreement relating to a mining estate in Siam.

Regarding Christie's long connection with this Colony, Mr. King also produced a hotel licence which revealed that Christie was a hotel keeper in this Colony as far back as 1903.

This closed the case for the prosecution.

Mr. Gordon Leask said he would have a witness called whose name occurred in an earlier part of the case. This was Khan Sahib.

Mr. King said he too would have liked to call Khan Sahib. There were many Khan Sahibs in the Colony but he thought they were fairly agreed on the Khan Sahib in question as being no other than the proprietor of a Cafe very near Christie's office.

His Worship: The Bombay Cafe? Mr. King: Yes. But unfortunately he is away from the Colony, having left for Canton on business on Monday before I could get him to come up.

Mr. Leask said that the evidence of this Khan Sahib Malik Khan was desirable from the point of view of the defence, as it would show the innocent nature of the goods both accused were dealing in.

It was also decided on Mr. Gordon Leask's suggestion to subpoena the Northern Telegraph Company for the copies of cables figuring in the business of two accused.

Mr. King said that he personally thought that the cables would not

## EURASIAN CHARGED

OBTAINING GOODS BY  
FRAUD.

## ADMISSION OF EMBEZZLEMENT

Because the complainant in the second charge was not present in Court, Major C. Willson yesterday remanded a Eurasian named A. J. Simon who was charged with (1) obtaining credit to the extent of \$191.45 from Lane, Crawford, Ltd., with intent to defraud, and (2) embezzlement of \$35, the property of Royal and Company, where he was employed as money collector and shoe fitter.

Accused pleaded "guilty" to both charges.

Sergeant Rozesky said that during the time the accused was employed by Royal and Company, he sent a coolie to Lane Crawford's with chits for chocolates and cigarettes on credit. Then the accused became bolder and took shoes, a raincoat, a watch, and a cigarette case on credit. Most of the stuff were pawned by accused in Macao and not recovered. The only thing that the police had been able to get back for Lane, Crawford's was the cigarette case, which accused had pawned in the Colony.

Accused's former employer, a Japanese, said the accused worked for him from August 19 to 31 when he disappeared with the \$35, forming the subject of the second charge.

Sentences of one and two months was passed on the respective charges, the terms to run consecutively.

## KOWLOON FIRE.

LUCKY ESTATE OF THE  
INMATES.

In connection with the fire on the Luchikok Road (reported yesterday), a police report this morning stated that the fire started on the ground floor of house No. 64, occupied by furniture workers, many of whom had a lucky escape by jumping from the cockloft on which they were sleeping. This rattle shop was not covered by insurance.

The fire, the origin of which is still unknown, spread rapidly to Nos. 60 and 62 on one side of the burning house, and the Nos. 66 and 68 on the other side. Nos. 64 and 68 were completely gutted, whilst Nos. 60 and 62 suffered a lot of damage by fire and water. No. 66 was the least affected of all the houses involved.

The firemen were handicapped in their work when the roofs of the houses collapsed.

The extent of the damage done is still not ascertained.

## RUBBER AND TIN.

LATEST QUOTATIONS IN  
STRAITS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have been advised of the following quotations and dividends on rubber and mining, shares:—

Allenby	\$3.05
Ayer Molek	2.45
Glenely	3.15
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Kedah	4.50
Malaka Pinda	2.60
Pajam	2.90

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Tanjong Tin Dredging Co. 5% Interim

carry them very far as they were in code. In his turn Mr. King applied for permission to put in further seized documents as might be necessitated by the production of the cables.

The further hearing was adjourned until this afternoon.

## Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED  
IN THE "MAIL."

## Entertainments.

To-day—Theatre Royal: "The Quilts" present their successful musical comedy "The Blue Train," 9.15 p.m.

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "The Show."

To-day—World Theatre: "A Hero on Horseback."

To-day—Star Theatre: "Dancing Mothers."

December 4—Queen's Theatre: "The Flaming Forest."

December 4—World Theatre: "The Rainmaker."

December 4—Star Theatre: "Wet Paint."

December 5—Royal Engineers' dance, R.E. Theatre, 8.30 p.m.

December 5—Demonstration at Helena May Institute on "Japanese Flower Placing," 5.30 p.m.

December 6—Queen's Theatre: "Alas the Deacon."

December 6—World Theatre: "The Black Pirate."

December 6—Star Theatre: "Manhandled."

December 8—Queen's Theatre: "Don Juan."

December 8—World Theatre: "For Heaven's Sake."

December 8—Star Theatre: "Oh! What a Nurse."

December 9—At Theatre Royal opening performance of "Merrie England," 9 p.m.

December 10—Dance at the Peak Club with Lyric Band in attendance, 9.15 p.m.

Sports.  
To-day—K.O.S.B. Boxing Tournament, Murray Barracks, 8 p.m.

December 3—Theatre Royal: Second Tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Association, 9.15 p.m.

December 2—Autumn meeting of the Fanning Hunt.

December 11—Fifth Extra Race Meeting of the International Race & Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd.

Lammerts Auction.  
December 5—Sale of one lot of Crown Land at Kowloon, at P.W.D. Offices, 3 p.m.

Meeting.  
December 21—General meeting of the Industrial & Commercial Bank, Ltd., York Bldg., 2 p.m.

Miscellaneous.  
To-day—Y.M.C.A. debate with Oregon University debaters, 9 p.m.

December 4—St. Vincent de Paul's "Al Fresco Fete," Cathedral Compound, Glenely.

December 6—Sale of work in Helena May Institute, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

December 6—Free lecture on Christian Science, City Hall, 5.45 p.m.

December 7—Official opening of New Territories Agricultural Show at Sheungshui, at 2.30 p.m.

December 12—St. Stephen's College begins new school year.

## FATAL FALL.

SEQUEL TO POLICE RAID IN  
KOWLOON.

A Chinese was yesterday removed to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from injuries to his head and legs, which was supposed to have been caused through a fall from the third floor of No. 125 Osman Street, Shamshui, in attempting to escape during a police raid on the house conducted by Sub-Inspector Chavallier at 2 a.m. The man died in the hospital at 7.10 a.m.



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Political vultures from all parts of China are casting  
covetous eyes on Canton, rival forces being at work to prevent  
hostile factions getting into power or approaching too near.

There are indications that help will be forthcoming for the  
Kwangsi Party in their attempt, if sustained, to recover control  
of the Canton Government from the Ironsides.

Military complications may affect the whole situation in  
the east of Kwangtung and several armies may soon threaten  
Swatow again.

The General in command at Kongmoon has declared his  
independence of Canton.

The Diplomatic Corps in Peking have held more than one  
meeting recently to discuss piracy, but no announce-  
ment has been made so far regarding the contemplated steps.  
It is understood that the Ministers are still awaiting instructions  
from their respective Governments.

Full reports of the interport cricket matches are given  
in this week's "Overland China Mail."

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Members of the St. George's  
Society are requested to send in  
their names as soon as possible  
for the forthcoming Ball.

The ships' company of H.M.S.  
"Titanic" held a very successful  
and enjoyable dance at Messrs.  
Lane, Crawford's Restaurant last  
evening.

One case of diphtheria and one  
of enteric fever were reported to  
the Medical Officer of Health on  
Wednesday. Both were Chinese  
and the diphtheria case was im-  
ported.

London, Nov. 14.—Lieut. General  
Sir Archibald A. Montgomery-  
Massingberd has been appointed to  
the Southern Command, in suc-  
cession to General Sir Alexander J.  
Godley. The appointment will date  
from June 17, 1928.

A farcical sketch, entitled  
"Parker P. C." is being given at  
the Naval Canteen Theatre for to-  
night and to-morrow night by the  
Argus Concert Party. The show  
commences at 8.30. Part of the  
proceeds will go to charity.

Paris, Nov. 17.—Twelve mil-  
lion much prized Marennes  
oysters were washed away by the  
gale from the famous beds in the  
Bay of Biscay near Gironde  
estuary. Thirty-three vessels are  
engaged in the oyster fishery.

Mr. R. K. Butler, assistant gen-  
eral manager of the Hong Kong  
Amusements, met with a painful  
accident yesterday afternoon on  
the Repulse Bay Road near the  
junction of the road to Shek O  
through the skidding of his motor  
cycle.

His Excellency the Governor  
(Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) is  
returning to the Colony on the  
"Fushimi Maru" this evening.  
During his short stay in Shanghai,  
after a visit to Peking, he was en-  
tertained at dinner by the British  
Chamber of Commerce at the  
Shanghai Club.

Mrs. McCordack, living at Har-  
bour View, No. 10, Chatham Road,  
has reported to the police that  
some time between noon on Octo-  
ber 27 and noon on the 1st instant,  
someone opened a cabin trunk in  
her room by means of a duplicate  
key and stole money and jewellery  
to the value of \$455.20.

Tokyo, Nov. 16.—After a close  
investigation into the cause of the  
disaster to the dirigible N-3, and  
after also considering the possi-  
bilities of aircraft of the same type  
from the strategic and tactical  
viewpoints, the Naval Authorities  
have decided to construct a sub-  
stitute in Japan with Japanese  
materials, to be completed in 12  
months, at a cost of \$20,000.

An \$800,000 order has been re-  
ceived by Messrs. Henry Simon,  
Ltd., flour mill engineers, of Man-  
chester, from the Buenos Aires  
Great Southern Railway for grain-  
handling equipment at Bahia  
Blanca, Argentina. The order is  
for a granary of 30,000 tons cap-  
acity, or a capacity of 3,000,000  
bushels of wheat, and for a con-  
siderable amount of machinery for  
dealing with grain at the port.

Winnipeg.—The Canadian wheat  
pool has made a final payment of  
\$3,800,000 to contract holders for  
last season's crop, bringing the  
total paid to farmers since the Al-  
berta pool was organised four years  
ago up to \$124,800,000. The cost  
of handling the wheat was one-  
tenth of a penny per bushel, and  
the price paid for No. 1 Northern  
wheat was 5s. 11d. The pool  
handled 57 per cent. of the wheat  
marketed last season.

Mr. Amery, the Dominions Secre-  
tary, recently inspected the  
Murray Valley settlements. When  
the party reached Morgan some of  
its members were humming a  
parody of a well-known song in-  
troduced at the parliamentary din-  
ner the previous evening, the re-  
frain of which ran: "You promised  
us Preference some day in June."  
Mr. Amery urged upon the settlers  
the necessity of maintaining a high  
standard, as women were Empire  
shoppers and purchased only the  
best.

An engagement is announced be-  
tween Miss Nancy Tennant, young-  
est daughter of the late Sir Charles  
Tennant and Mrs. Geoffrey Lub-  
bock, and Mr. Sylvester Gates, son  
of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Gates, of 16,  
Denbigh-gardens Richmond, Sur-  
rey. Miss Tennant, who is 23, is a  
half-sister of Lady Oxford and  
Apsley and of the late Lord Glen-  
conner. Born when her father was  
81, she is one of three sisters. By  
his second wife, the elder of whom  
married Captain John Loder, Con-  
servative M.P. for East Leicester.

Two frescoes by David, a cele-  
brated Napoleonic painter, have  
been discovered at the Paris  
Chamber of Deputies, thanks to the  
efforts of M. Fernand Bouleau  
(President of the Chamber) on be-  
half of the occupants of the Press  
gallery. Having been told that  
the gallery staff had inadequate  
accommodation for writing and  
telephoning, he inspected the  
rooms at the rear and ordered a  
wooden partition to be removed.  
Behind it was found a gallery full  
of lumber and two large frescoes  
by the celebrated painter.

Mr. Instone Brewer left by the  
s.s. "Sarpedon" on Wednesday for  
Singapore.

The office of the Peruvian Con-  
sulate General has been removed  
to No. 18c, Macdonnell Road.

Radiotelegrams are now accepted  
at the Radio Counter, 1st floor,  
Government Building, for trans-  
mission via Hanoi to Bangkok and  
all parts of Siam at the rate of 80  
cents (\$0.80) per word.

The forthcoming wedding is an-  
nounced of Mr. Carl Friedrich Rolf  
Heyn, merchant residing at No. 6,  
S. Rue Courbet, Tientsin, and  
Miss Ingeborg Gertrude Klee  
Gobert, en route to this Colony on  
the "Derflinger."

Bordeaux, Nov. 14.—At Lign-  
ieres, the marriage of H.R.H.  
Prince Xavier de Bourbon-Parme  
with the Princess Madeleine de  
Bourbon-Busset has been celebra-  
ted. The ex-Empress Zita of Aus-  
tria assisted at the ceremony.

The P.W.D. Report for 1926  
states that during the year 70  
mortar samples were taken and  
tests carried out. There were a  
number of prosecutions, and con-  
victions were recorded in all cases  
but one, the fines totalling \$1,525.

Madras, Nov. 10.—A sea monster,  
believed to be a whale, 94 feet long  
and 60 feet broad, has been washed  
ashore off Cochin. A sailor, from  
the top of the mast of a tiny craft  
carrying a cargo of rice, noticed  
its threatening approach, shot it  
dead.



Sir Charles Batho, newly elected  
Lord Mayor of London.

Dame Maria Louisa Charlotte  
Rodger, of Villa San Michele, San  
Domenico di Fiesole, Florence,  
Italy, who died on July 24, and was  
the widow of Sir John Rodger,  
K.C.M.G., a former Resident of  
Perak, left estate in England of the  
gross value of £7,800.

Rangoon, Nov. 14.—It is reported  
that an expedition will shortly  
be sent to the Triangle to complete  
the work of emancipating the slaves.  
It is expected an expedition will  
also be sent to Nagahill to enforce  
the British Government's policy of  
suppressing the practice of mak-  
ing human sacrifices.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Admiral  
W. H. G. Bullard, chairman of the  
newly created Federal Radio Com-  
mission, died here to-day suddenly  
during sleep. He recently told  
friends that he was suffering from  
high blood pressure, and was ex-  
pecting to rest several days after  
undergoing an operation for ton-  
sillitis.

Feature films showing in the  
local cinemas to-day besides John  
Gilbert's big picture, "The Show,"  
at the Queen's Theatre, include  
"Dancing Mothers," a story of  
New York's fast set, at the Star  
Theatre, with Conway Tearle and  
Alice Joyce in the leading roles,  
and "Foot Light," a latest Western  
comedy, at the Hero on Horseback,  
at the World Theatre.

Melbourne.—The Federal Gov-  
ernment, it is announced, has de-  
cided to contribute 250,000 toward  
the cost of further oil surveys in  
Papua and New Guinea, under an  
agreement with the Anglo-Persian  
Oil Company, whose deputy-chief  
geologist, Dr. Richardson, will  
direct the surveys. The new work  
will incorporate the results of  
partial investigations already  
made by several oil companies in  
Papua.

"I was the first conductor in  
England to introduce women into  
my orchestra," said Sir Henry Wood  
recently, replying to a presentation  
made to him at the Royal Academy  
of Music. W. He continued:  
"Although they may not be suited  
to play the trombone and such  
instruments, they are as good as  
men at the violin, viola, and cello."  
Sir Henry complained that many  
rich men, so far from giving any-  
thing to the cause of music, seldom  
paid for their tickets but demand-  
ed free ones. It was the strug-  
gling worker who was willing to  
stand for hours and nobly pay to  
hear good music.

Teakwood worth \$200 was yes-  
terday reported stolen from a  
matshed of the Sang Kee firm of  
contractors, near the Peking  
Theatre.

In the new issue of the Queen's  
College magazine, the "Yellow  
Dragon," "A. H. C." writes on the  
flowering plants of Hong Kong,  
with diagrams.

The total number of lamps in  
use at the end of 1926 in the City  
and its precincts was 1,559, an in-  
crease of 30 over the previous  
year and in the Hill District 222,  
an increase of 20 as compared with  
the previous year.

Among passengers departing on  
the Blue Funnel s.s. "Sarpedon," in  
addition to the Malaya cricket  
team, were Mr. J. S. MacLaren,  
Mr. G. A. Diss, Commander C. C.  
Carrington, R.N.R., Lady French  
and Dr. and Mrs. H. Fowler.

Berlin, Nov. 10.—America will  
take over the financial in addition  
to the military commitments of  
Nicaragua, says a report from New  
York. An American financial ad-  
viser proceeds to Nicaragua to  
supervise the utilization of the  
American loan which will be grant-  
ed forthwith.

New York, Nov. 14.—The Hud-  
son River tunnels between New  
York and New Jersey, officially  
opened yesterday, are the world's  
largest and cost \$47,500,000. Their  
construction occupied seven years.  
They are to provide roadway  
beneath the River capable of carry-  
ing 3,800 motor vehicles hourly.

A deputation representing  
589,000 railway employees has  
presented to the Lord Mayor of  
London an album containing an  
illuminated address, with 1,200  
signatures, as a souvenir of the  
recent occasion when, for the first  
time, railway men of all grades  
were entertained at the Mansion  
House.

The older generation of re-  
sidents of Hong Kong, Macao and  
Canton will hear with regret of the  
death a few days ago at his home  
in Farnham, Surrey, of Mr. S. E.  
Beeton, for many years a member  
of the firm of Herbert Dent & Co.,  
Canton. Mr. Beeton has a son,  
Captain W. G. R. Beeton, now in  
Hong Kong with his regiment, the  
Queen's Royal Regiment.

London, Nov. 13.—The prospec-  
tive Conservative candidate for the  
next election for Forest of Dean  
having withdrawn, the Divisional  
Association will consider the name  
of Mr. Walter Stewart Davies, a  
retired Government of India offi-  
cial, who said that if he were  
adopted he would fight two or three  
campaigns if he could thereby  
wrest the seat from Labour.

Local estate amounting to  
\$8,200 was left by Leung Wing-  
Kwang, late of Poon Tong village,  
Kwangtung, probate of which has  
been granted to his son, Leung  
Shiu-lu, 71 Peel Street, Hong  
Kong. Deceased makes several  
family bequests, including pro-  
vision for his concubine, directing  
that his son shall be personally  
responsible for her maintenance.

The Kowloon Fire Brigade re-  
ceived another call shortly before  
8 o'clock last night from Mongkok-  
tai and despatched three ap-  
paratuses. The fire was on the first  
floor of No. 15, Kremer Street. In  
a few minutes the firemen put out  
the fire with the help of hand  
buckets and the engines returned  
to their stations. Damage done  
was very slight.

Bordeaux, Nov. 16.—Following a  
Conference held in Cuba by vari-  
ous Parties, and on the Cuban Gov-  
ernment's instigation, the dele-  
gates from Germany, Poland and  
Czechoslovakia have decided to  
support Cuba's policy in making  
agreements between the World's  
producers and consumers of sugar.  
An International Committee of Con-  
trol will be formed in order to in-  
crease adhesion on the part of  
other countries.

Budapest.—Speaking at the con-  
ference of the Government Party,  
the Hungarian Prime Minister,  
Count Bethlen, declared that the  
Government had nothing to do with  
Lord Rothermere's action in rais-  
ing the question of the injustice  
done to Hungary by the Peace  
Treaty of Trianon, but as a Hun-  
garian he wished to express the  
everlasting gratitude of the nation  
to his lordship for proclaiming to  
the whole world, in the most un-  
selfish way, the justice of the Hun-  
garian cause.

Athens.—The centenary of the  
Battle of Navarino, the decisive  
battle in the Greek war of libera-  
tion, when the Turkish fleet was  
destroyed on October 20, 1827, by  
the fleets of Great Britain and her  
allies, was celebrated throughout  
Greece. The Press pub-  
lishes long articles pointing out  
the importance of the historic  
event, and paying tribute to those  
who led the united fleets to victory.  
The day's proceedings commenced  
with a salvo of 21 guns fired by the  
British battleship "Ramilles," and  
other warships. A civic welcome  
was accorded the delegations, in-  
cluding the British headed by Gen.  
Sir Alfred Codrington.

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ing, and the Band of the K.O.S.B. (by kind permission of  
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## SPORTS

## MY NOTE BOOK.

## A Last Word on the Interport Games.

## THOUGHTS ON SOCCER.

## Local And Homeside Boxing Tilt Bits.

[By "The Tramp."]

Well, considering the odds in their favour, Hong Kong have emerged from the Interport cricket tests as one might have expected. The Shanghai match I have already dealt with; the other two call for little comment beyond a deserved word of praise for Malaya on account of their pluck in the face of unequal odds. Both opposing teams were much too strong for them, owing to circumstances over which they had no control. In my last notes I instanced one of the main handicaps of the side. Anyway, it put up a good fight. I have been promising myself—and my readers—to say something about our local Selection Committee and its ways. On second thoughts I won't. Not that I consider it justified itself by playing the same team against Malaya as against Shanghai in the face of almost universal contrary opinion, but because I am afraid I have left the matter too late. However, when another Interport affair looms before us I shall be there—or here—with bells on!

In addition to the always interesting cricket tourney the past week or so has provided us with more than our usual share of sporting fixtures, there being the races, competition golf, and exhibition tennis beside our regular soccer and hockey engagements. In football, I see, last year's champions, the Recreio, have had to bite the dust. China Athletic, defeating their last Saturday by the only goal of the match. The Athletics are in a very strong position at the head of the senior division, and it looks unlikely, now that they have disposed of the Recreio, that they will be displaced. The Scots Guards are running second, though, as the Army tennis go this year, the Kosbies have about the best combination in the League. The others—the Queen's, Artillery and R.A.F.—are all good, and any of them at any time are likely to surprise whatever side they are up against. Neither the Hong Kong nor Kowloon Clubs seem to be able to get into their stride this season. Competition, of course, is now strong, but more, I think, is expected of these civilian teams, together with the Police, who have a likely lot of lads to pick a side from.

Friend "Josh" Brook announces a sparkling card for the second boxing tournament of the season. An outline of the contests has already appeared in these columns and an advertisement announces the premier bout, prices, times, etc. I hear that the programme looks better than the opening one did. If this is so, it is a corker!

Boxing news from Home and other places has been more than ordinarily interesting of late. Poor Elky Clark, it seems, has had definitely to retire from the ring owing to the injury to his eye. The disappearance of one title contender is balanced, however, by the reappearance of another, to wit Tommy Milligan who, I am glad to see, won his first fight over the "come back" hurdles following his beating at the hands (or fists) of Mickey Walker, who has been suspended in his own country for refusing to take on a match with someone I had never heard of before. Around the time he was suspended Walker beat Paul Berlenbach over ten rounds. Paul was a serious contender for middle-weight honours not long ago, but seems to have fallen back.

Perhaps the most piquant bit of boxing news is contained in the report that Ted "Kid" Lewis has again started to fight—and to win. When will this fellow stop? He is not, of course, an old man. I have known him since he started at the game and would say he was about 38—which is not, however, so mighty youthful for a professional bruiser, whatever his class. But the point about Ted (we never called him "Kid") is the number of times he has given up the Noble Art and then returned to it. Even when at the height of his career he was likely to take a few months off for a pleasure trip somewhere or other. But when he was fighting—he fought, keeping himself in condition by engaging in as many contests as he could get. He was never so full of fire, however, after Roland Todd beat him twice, nullifying Ted's fierce fighting by splendid boxing ability.

## FOOTBALL.

## Great Day For Kowloon To-morrow.

## KEEN MATCHES.

## Good Form Of The Interport Team.

[By "Rover."]

The following is the full programme for to-morrow:

## Division I.

Kick-off 4 p.m.

Club de Recreio v. K.O.S.B., King's Park.

H.K. Football Club v. Police, Club ground, Valley.

A.A. v. Queen's Regiment, Sookumpoo.

Scots Guards v. R.A.F., United Services ground, Kowloon.

The Kowloon v. China Athletic match has been postponed.

Junior Division "A." Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

St. Joseph's v. R.A., Sookumpoo.

Kowloon v. K.O.S.B., Kowloon.

South China "A" v. Recreio, Caroline Hill.

Chinese Athletic v. H.K.F.C. Reserves, Club ground.

University v. South China "B," St. Joseph's ground, Valley.

Junior Division "B." South China "B" v. South China "A," Caroline Hill.

Moslems v. St. Joseph's, St. Joseph's ground, Valley.

Boy Scouts v. Kowloon, South China ground. Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

Chinese Athletic v. Kung Woo, South China ground.

Kick-off 4 p.m.

Kowloon is particularly well favoured this week end with two fine games, the Chinese Athletic match against Kowloon F.C. having been postponed.

At King's Park the Club de Recreio will draw a large crowd, for their match with the K.O.S.B. The Recreio are worthy opponents and this should be a very keen match. Stock, inside right, may not be available for the regiment, but there are many capable reserves, and the Recreio will have to go all out to take the points should Alexander and McClintock get a day out.

The Scots' Guards will meet the R.A.F. at the Regimental Ground, Chatham Road. This match will also be an attractive one, as the difference in style of play of these two good teams will provide a striking contrast. The Guards' long swinging movements are features, whilst the R.A.F. play a fast, snappy, forward game with plenty of dash. We shall be glad to welcome Alrd back in the Guards' team as without him the Guards are not at full strength, but he is not a certain starter yet. The R.A.F. have improved to such an extent that the result of this match is a very open one. One thing is certain—there will be much hard work by both teams and good football.

The Hong Kong programme is not such an attractive one, but the match between the H.K.F.C. and Police at the Valley should be a good one. The H.K.F.C. hope to field their strongest team of the season so far and although Pile may be an absentee the forward line, with Howard and McBride in, will want to win. The defence being practically complete now Watson is back. The Police will be without Hudson and Sherry, which is unfortunate, but even so the H.K.F.C. will find the Police, as always, a tough proposition. The former should, however, with even luck get these points.

The remaining senior game at Sookumpoo will give the clever Queen's forwards a chance on this fine ground to spread out, which should be to their liking. The Queen's form lately has been erratic, whereas the R.A. are very steady and, even when Leach is subdued, other forwards are finding the net. The R.A. can always be relied on to put up a good fight, but their defence will need to be very careful with the Queen's smart forward line who are capable of scoring very quickly.

The most attractive items on the junior Card are the matches between the Chinese Athletic Reserves and the H.K.F.C. Reserves at the Valley, and Kowloon Reserves at Kowloon. The H.K.F.C. Reserves should again beat the Athletic Reserves if the strong selected team turns out, without disappointment, and the Borderers will have to strike a very bad patch if they fail to secure the points against Kowloon Reserves. This is hardly likely and the Regiment should continue their striking successes. St. Joseph's are quietly advancing also in the junior struggle, and although not likely seriously to challenge the Borderers' position their recent successes give them big hopes of finishing runners up in this division. They must not take the R.A. Reserves lightly as the latter are a capable lot.

The form of the selected players in the Interport trial match on Wednesday last was encouraging. Fore and aft the interports gave a polished display. The Guards started shakily, their usually safe backs, miss timing, unaccountably in the first quarter of the

(Continued at foot of next Column.)

## F. A. CUP REPLAYS.

## FIRST ROUND GAMES NOW COMPLETE.

## 11 GOALS IN 2 MATCHES.

Eleven goals were scored yesterday in two replayed ties in the first round of the competition proper of the Football Association Cup. Results (home team mentioned first) are as follows:—

Norwich 5, Poole 0.  
Rotherham 4, Spennymoor 2.  
—Reuter.

The score in each case was 1-all last Saturday when the games were played at Poole, and Spennymoor respectively.

Norwich have thus qualified, at the second time of asking, and on their own ground. In the 2nd round, they will again be away from home, as they have to visit Luton. Rotherham have won the right to visit Bradford City.

Second Round Draw.

The first round is now complete. The draw for the second round, on December 10, is as follows:—

Gainsborough v. Lincoln C.  
Bradford City v. Rotherham U.  
Bradford v. Southport.  
Crewe v. Stockport.

Wrexham v. Carlisle.  
Darlington v. Rochdale.  
Tranmere R. v. Halifax T.  
New Brighton v. Rhyl.

Bournemouth v. Bristol R.  
Gillingham v. Southend U.  
Luton v. Norwich C.  
Charlton A. v. Kettering.

Swindon T. v. Crystal Palace.  
Peterborough v. Aldershot T.  
Northampton T. v. Brighton.  
Exeter v. Ilford.

London Caledonians v. Bath C.

TO-MORROW'S FANLING STEEPCHASES.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—There are rumours current that there will not be any bookmakers at the Fanling Hunt on Saturday, and according to the morning papers no intimation has been made to the "pencilers."

Can you or the Stewards of the Fanling Hunt inform the interested followers of the meeting whether there will be the usual bookmakers or not?

Yours, etc.,  
INTERESTED.

Hong Kong, Dec. 1.

[Note: As far as the turf correspondence of the "China Mail" is aware, there will be no bookie at the steepchases to-morrow, for the time being, as no formal application has been made to the Hunt yet. From what is known, the Hunt is not opposed to nor has it changed its opinion with regard to bookmakers on the Kwantl course.]

HUNTING ACCIDENT.

LADY CURRIE BADLY INJURED.

London, Oct. 23.

Lady Currie, wife of Sir William Crawford Currie met with a serious accident on the hunting field near Dagmull.

Her horse caught its foot in a bough when taking a hedge and threw its rider and rolled over her. She had to be removed to hospital for a fracture and dislocation of the hip and severe shock, but is progressing favourably.

OLYMPIC GAMES.

POLICE ARE TRAINING FOR WORK.

Amsterdam, Nov. 18.

The Dutch authorities have detached 250 picked policemen and are putting them through a special course of training for next year's Olympic Games.

Special attention is being given to methods of handling crowds. Courses in English, French, German and other languages are being given, so visitors will be assured of every courtesy and consideration.

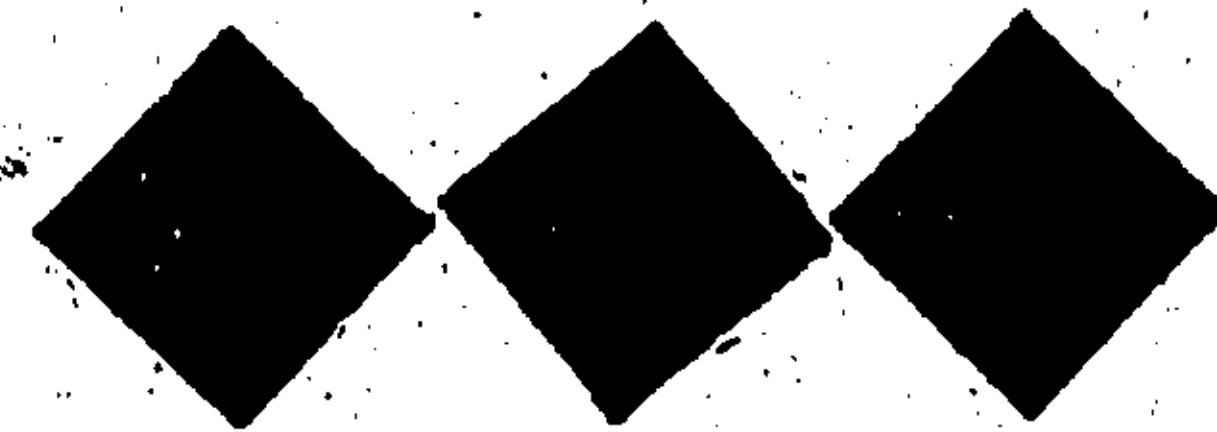
game, and Alexander and Vernon (2) quickly took toll. After the interports led by three goals, however, the Guards who should have scored at least one goal, made quite a big show in spite of the cleverness of the opposition. McIlven and Chapman scored for them and Gosano (2) and Alexander added for the interport team. As stated the Guards' backs did not strike their real form till too late to strike their real form heroically against a very live attack. McIlven missed two sitters as also did Smith, but they were the pick of the forwards.

There was no real weakness on the interport side, the players jumping right into their stride. Vernon is good enough for the interport, if we had no Gosano, and I think Suen Kum-shun might suit his club mate, Tao Kwai-shing, on the right wing, and let McClintock in with Alexander who played a sparkling individual game. Gosano is too good to shift and this forward line would be hard to improve. The halves appear fit for selection, but a left half back with the interport temperament is required to partner Wynn. The last line of defence is a safe thing for Clarke or Rodger these being fortunately very little to choose between them.

but what in other walks of work is generally called a light job.—Judge Grenwell.

There seems to be something wrong with almost everything.—The Rev. Gwilym O. Griffith.

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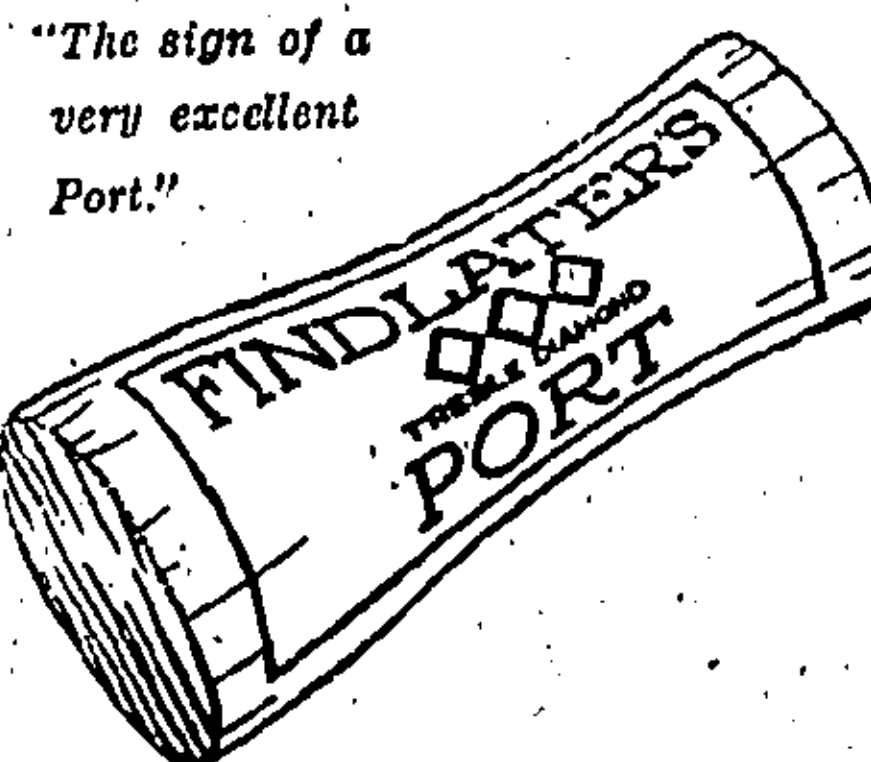
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## BILLIARDS.

## STEEL COULSON'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.

## WIN FOR THE WARDERS.

The Warders and St. Patrick's Club having equal points after all games had been played met at the Dockyard Recreation Club on Wednesday evening to decide the championship.

There was a large attendance and close and interesting games were witnessed, the Warders eventually winning by 24 points.

At the conclusion of the match the Secretary spoke of the good spirit in which the League had been fought, also of the chance the League had given the various Clubs and Messes to meet each other. The standard of billiards throughout was very high, with Mr. Jones of the Dockyard Recreation Club, the outstanding player. He thanked the officials of the D.R.C. and the referee, and the marker for their work that evening, which was undoubtedly a great success.

Mr. Ruttonjee was unable to be present through sickness and his representative, Mr. Scholes, then kindly distributed the prizes.

Mr. Gooding, the Captain of the Warders' team, received the Challenge Cup and each member a souvenir in the form of a silver Cue and rest crossed with three balls under the arch, and mounted on a silver base with a blackwood stand.

Mr. Jones, of the D.R.C., received a Cue and case for the biggest break 82 unfinished. He also took the prize for the biggest win 100-4 (a hamper containing eight bottles of various wines and spirits).

With the exception of the Cup, which was donated by Messrs. Steel Coulson & Co., all other prizes were generously given by Mr. Ruttonjee to whom a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded.

No Authority?

In cross-examination by Mr. Hugh Jones (for defendant) plaintiff, whilst admitting that the clause relating to board and lodging had been put in by her, maintained that she had authority to do so.

Plaintiff further stated that she had made herself responsible for the artistes and generally look after them as there was no one to meet them on arrival. She had had to advance money to the landlord in advance.

One of the artistes, Mdlle. A. Chaillet, spoke of additions being made to the contract in Shanghai and said that in Hong Kong Mr. Hancock said that everything would be arranged.

Mr. Hugh Jones said that they frankly admitted that as between the artistes and Mr. Lee Hy-san agreements were ratified. If the artistes had not been provided with board and lodging they could have come down on Mr. Lee. The only object of his cross-examination was to show that plaintiff acted without authority. There was no doubt that the contracts were accepted down here as regards the artistes

themselves. As a matter of fact arrangements had been made with someone else to provide accommodation and that was why it was not included in the contract.

No Case To Answer.

Mr. Hugh Jones submitted that he had no case to answer, and suggested that from plaintiff's evidence she incurred the liability without authority to pay bills. He suggested that plaintiff's agency ceased the moment she arrived back in Hong Kong and she had nothing to do with lodgings for these artistes.

His Lordship agreed.

Mr. Hugh Jones said that as the case stood now it would appear as if Mr. Lee was treating them rather harshly. The arrangements were made, not with plaintiff, but with her husband, Mr. Astorff. That was why she received the letters when she returned to Hong Kong. Mr. Astorff was engaged in the Theatre with this particular company and he had a salary of \$150 a night, out of which he was expected to provide the board and lodging of this troupe. Mr. Hugh Jones believed that Mr. Astorff was sponsoring the company in Hong Kong and was to take them to Manila.

His Lordship remarked that plaintiff had failed to establish that she had any authority from Mr. Lee to incur these expenses.

His Lordship entered judgment for defendant.

Mr. Hugh Jones intimated that defendant waived his right to costs.

ALLEGED THIEF.

CHINESE YOUTH REMANDED TO WEDNESDAY.

The Chinese youth who was remanded by Major C. Willson on a charge of stealing motor car parts from a vehicle in Statue Square, was again in Court this morning when Mr. F. H. Losby appeared for the defence and asked for a date to be fixed for the hearing of the case.

Major Willson fixed next Wednesday at noon, and allowed bail in the sum of \$100.

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On demand .....  
On New York—  
On demand ..... 49%  
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On Bombay—

Wire  
On demand ..... 134 1/4  
On Calcutta—  
Wire  
On demand ..... 134 1/4  
On Singapore—  
On demand ..... 87 1/4  
On Manila—  
On demand ..... 99 1/4  
On Shanghai—  
On demand ..... nom.  
30 days' sight (private paper) .....  
Op Yokohama—  
On demand ..... 107  
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael) .....  
Sovereigns (Bank's)  
On demand ..... 9.55  
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Bar Silver in Hong  
Kong ..... 2% prem.  
Chinese Copper Cash nom.  
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Stockholm ..... 18.08  
Copenhagen ..... 18.19 1/2  
Oslo ..... 18.34 1/2  
Vienna ..... 34.57 1/2  
Prague ..... 164 1/2  
Helsingfors ..... 193 1/4  
Madrid ..... 29.92 1/4  
Lisbon ..... 2 7/16  
Athens ..... 367 1/4  
Bucharest ..... 792 1/2  
Rio ..... 5 27/32  
Buenos Aires ..... 47 1/2  
Bombay ..... 1/5  
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do. do. .... 318 1/2 n  
P. & O. Bank ..... 310 n  
Bank of East Asia ..... 302 n  
Insurance.  
Canton Insurance ..... 56 1/2 b  
Union Insurance ..... 52 1/2 b  
North China Insurance ..... 293 1/2 a  
Yangtze Insurance ..... 293 1/2 a  
China Underwriters ..... 3120 n  
China Fire Insurance ..... 3120 n  
H.K. Fire Insurance ..... 3000 b  
Shipping.  
Douglases ..... 336 b  
H.K. Steamships ..... 174 1/2 n  
H.K. Tugs & Lighters ..... 320 n  
Indo-China (Pref.) ..... 330 n  
do. (Def.) ..... 348 n  
Shell Transport ..... 907 n  
Water-Boats ..... 917 n  
Mining.  
Benguet ..... 214 n  
Kailash Mining Ad. .... 637 n  
Langkate (Combined) ..... 118 1/2 b  
do. (Single) ..... 111 b  
Shanghai Explorations ..... 224 b 2/30 s  
Shanghai Loans ..... 75 1/2 b  
Raub ..... 33 1/2 n  
Trautman ..... 19 1/2 n  
Docks, Wharves,  
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H.K. & K. Wharves ..... 121 b  
H.K. & W. Docks ..... 35 n  
China Providents ..... 34 n  
Hongkong ..... 3167 b  
New Engines ..... 320 n  
Shanghai Docks ..... 395 n  
Cotton Mills.  
Two Cottons ..... 37.50 n  
Oriental Cottons ..... 32 n  
Shai Cottons (Old) ..... 748 b  
do. (New) ..... 723 b  
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.  
H.K. & S. Hotels ..... 66.00 b  
Hongkong Lands ..... 65.66/60 sa  
Shanghai Lands ..... 112 1/2 b  
Lumpphy Estate ..... 114 b  
Hongkong Realities ..... 74.00 sa  
H.K. Territorials ..... 114 n  
Prince's Buildings ..... 1120 b  
Public Utilities.  
H.K. Tramways ..... 204 1/2 b  
Peak Tram (Old) ..... 114 b  
do. (New) ..... 37 s  
Star Ferries ..... 56 b  
China Lights (comb.) ..... 112 s  
do. (old) ..... 89 s  
do. (new) ..... 30 1/2 s  
H.K. Electric ..... 34 1/2 b 56 s  
Macao Electric ..... 34 1/2 b  
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Singapore Tractions ..... 12/9 n  
Industrials.  
China Sugars ..... 115 n  
Hudson Sugars ..... 120 n  
Canton Ice ..... 55 s  
Cementa (comb.) ..... 37 s  
do. (old) ..... 36.60 n  
do. (new) ..... 31 s  
H.K. Ropes (old) ..... 110 n  
do. (new) ..... 75 n  
United Asbestos ..... 113 n  
Stores, &c.  
Dairy Farms ..... 115.10 n  
Watsons ..... 111 1/4 n  
Der A. Wings ..... 35 n  
Lane, Crawford ..... 35 n  
MacKintosh ..... 35 1/2 n  
Sincere ..... 35 1/2 n  
Wm. Powells ..... 35 n  
Miscellaneous.  
H.K. Amusements ..... 119 b  
H.K. Constructions ..... 114 1/2 n  
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## DRAMATIC GOSSIP.

A NEW MANAGEMENT IN PARTNERSHIP.

M. Willson Disher writes in the "Weekly Scotsman":—

Studies of the drama are generally based on the idea that development depends on the dramatist. As a matter of fact, all progress does depend on the exercise of his brains originally. But there would be very small chance for his ideas to grow without tending. For practical purposes, the history of the theatre is the history of managements.

In this light, we may see the importance of a new partnership which has come into being in the West End. At Wyndham's Leon M. Lion is now acting in association with Edith Evans. An imaginative and daring producer—leaving out of account Mr. Lion's fine record as an actor—is thus working for the drama shoulder to shoulder with an actress whose supremacy in the acting of comedy is almost unquestioned.

Inspiring the Playwright.

Splendid achievements are possible through such an arrangement. Able, if need be, to leave the difficult task of finding suitable plays and presenting them in favourable circumstances, to her partner, Miss Evans should be able to reveal her "powers to the full. Six years ago she played in his production of "The Three Daughters of M. Dupont." That performance, in my eyes, provided the first unmistakable evidence that she had gifts far above the ordinary.

That is a happy augury—or perhaps I should call it significant evidence—for the future. Now the new regime is established at Wyndham's, Edith Evans should prove an inspiration to playwrights. History tends to prove that such settled circumstances are the most suitable for the creation of drama.

"The Lady in Law."

To increase the brightness of these prospects, the partnership's opening production is a delight. It is an English version by Bertha Murray of a French piece, called "Maitre Bolbec et Son Mari," by Georges Berr and Louis Verneuil. As the wit of that title is entirely lost in a literal translation—"Bolbec, K.C., and Her Husband"—would not be a title at all—the English play is called, "The Lady in Law."

Verneuil is a most prolific author, and we have seen a good deal of his work. So far, however, I have not come across anything from his pen to equal this sparkling criticism of the problems of modern marriage.

Husband as Housekeeper.

Maitre Bolbec (Colette) is a woman barrister whose fame is widely spreading. Briefs fall upon her desk so thick and fast that she has no time for anything but work. When the coal merchant delivers the wrong sort of anthracite, and the table napkins dwindle in number to three, it is her husband who is called upon to put matters right.

While disconsolately wandering in what should be her drawing-room he gets into conversation with one of her clients. This is an empty-headed little woman, who wants a divorce. She is very unhappy because she has no one to cook for but herself. When Edmond Bolbec hears of this, he walks straight up to her, kisses her, and takes her out to lunch.

Being Feminine.

Though Colette had found her husband's entreaties tiresome until this meeting, she now worries because he no longer begs her to spare him a few minutes. Jealousy overcomes her to such an extent that he has no difficulty in persuading her to throw up her practice.

Back to the Briefs.

In the end, the husband is only too anxious that Colette should become Maitre Bolbec once more. He

listens to her client's pleas that she must not retire before conducting their cases, and he uses all the skill he possesses in bringing such prayers to her notice. In the end she consents—she is very pleased with the idea of having Valentin as her secretary once more.

Poking Fun at the Law.

It is an ancient tradition of French comedy to make fun of lawyers, and no little of the fun of "The Lady in Law" consists of travesties of special pleading. There is a poor little cashier who had been promised a legacy of 150,000 francs by his late employer. He has now seen in the will that he will only receive 40,000 francs, and this is not enough to win the lady of his heart.

He is advised to add a little more to make the amount 400,000. He does so, but the result is a charge of forgery. When he returns to Maitre Bolbec, she advises him to steal exactly 150,000 francs so that he could plead a "crime of passion." She will get him acquitted by arguing (1) that a man who had been left 400,000 francs would not steal 150,000, and (2) that a man who had possessed himself of the 150,000 francs he needed would not commit forgery.

Edith Evans's Style.

Whatever doubts I may have had concerning whether Edith Evans could live up to her soaring reputation are now removed. She cannot obliterate my admiration of Irene Vanbrugh, Athene Seyler, and other actresses who excel in comedy, but she definitely possesses a gift which is marvellous in its right setting.

Certainly "The Lady in Law" provides her with this. There would be little room here for Athene Seyler's craziness, or for Irene Vanbrugh's romance. On the other hand, for comedy which is drily critical of human foibles, the situations of this play are admirable. And it is in this vein that Edith Evans is at her best.

Frederick Leicester.

To engage Frederick Leicester to play opposite Miss Evans was an inspired measure. I have yet to see him in a part which he did not develop to its complete possibilities, but I had no idea that he could adapt himself to very sprightly comedy. He wears a morning suit well and conducts himself in a manner which might make a stranger think he had spent his life trying to model himself on Seymour Hicks.

The poor little cashier, however, is still more effective—character acting always attracts the maximum amount of attention. In his study of harassed hope, O. B. Clarence keeps the audience laughing the whole time he is on the stage.

Throughout the performance one may note the evidence of Leon M. Lion's thoroughness at rehearsals. From time to time in the past I have received many proofs of his extraordinary sense of suiting the action to the word, the word to the action. Occasionally I have felt inclined to abandon criticism in despair of developing an eye keen enough to discern all such points. Fortunately for players, Leon M. Lion is a power to assist their efforts. Now if he was a critic...

I must not finish this review of "The Lady in Law" without a word of praise for Margaret Halstan. I have grown so accustomed to watching her in feminine parts that I was completely taken aback on seeing her as a woman doctor with a man-of-the-world manner.

TICKLING THROAT.

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## CINEMA WAR.

VIEWS OF SOME GERMAN PAPERS.

Berlin, November 15.

A trend toward arraignment of European moviedom in a solid-anti-American phalanx becomes more and more obvious. Hitherto, however, European movie magnates have been treading rather cautiously. But now, Germany has boldly taken the lead and a recent speech by Konrad Marx, prominent member of the new board of directors of the "Ufa," fairly let a whole batch of kittens out of the bag.

At a banquet of movie men in Budapest and much applauded by those present, Konrad Marx declared that the time was ripe for the formation of an All-European film alliance to ward off the "American invasion." He urged European producers to bury the hatchet and abstain from the making of nationalist films. What was needed, he declared, was to unite in the production of "European pictures," featuring the "Kultur," of the old Continent as a counter-balance to "American sentimentality."

The "Vossische Zeitung," commenting on the speech, calls it "the declaration of an underground commercial war" on American production. The newspaper expresses the hope that relations between German and American producers within the "Parafame" concern may be cleared up unequivocally, "since it would be unbearable for all concerned if the Ufa would sign declarations of war with one hand while executing friendly handshakes with the other."—United Press.

## FAMOUS FILM.

WORLD RECORD BROKEN BY "BEN HUR."

More than 1,200,000 people paid to see the film "Ben-Hur," which closed its record-making run of 49 weeks at the Tivoli Cinema, Strand, London, recently. The takings amounted in all to about £230,000, of which £30,000 has been paid in entertainment tax.

It is stated that the film has been booked at suburban London and provincial cinemas for a higher total figure than any other film, and it is estimated that £500,000 will be paid by British audiences.

The film cost £1,400,000 to produce.

A number of people is believed to have seen the film in London regularly each week. One woman saw it no fewer than 54 times.

Every member of the British Royal Family saw the film, a special performance of which was given at Windsor castle, and more than four ex-Prime Ministers.

The presentation of the film was stopped at the Tivoli only because it was due for general release.

The number of people who have seen this one film at one theatre is a world record.

## DANCER'S SHAWL.

PURCHASED BY GIRL FOR \$2,000.

Nice, France, Nov. 11.

At a price of \$2,000, the daughter of a Hawaiian sugar planter has purchased the shawl which caused the death of the famous American dancer Isadora Duncan.

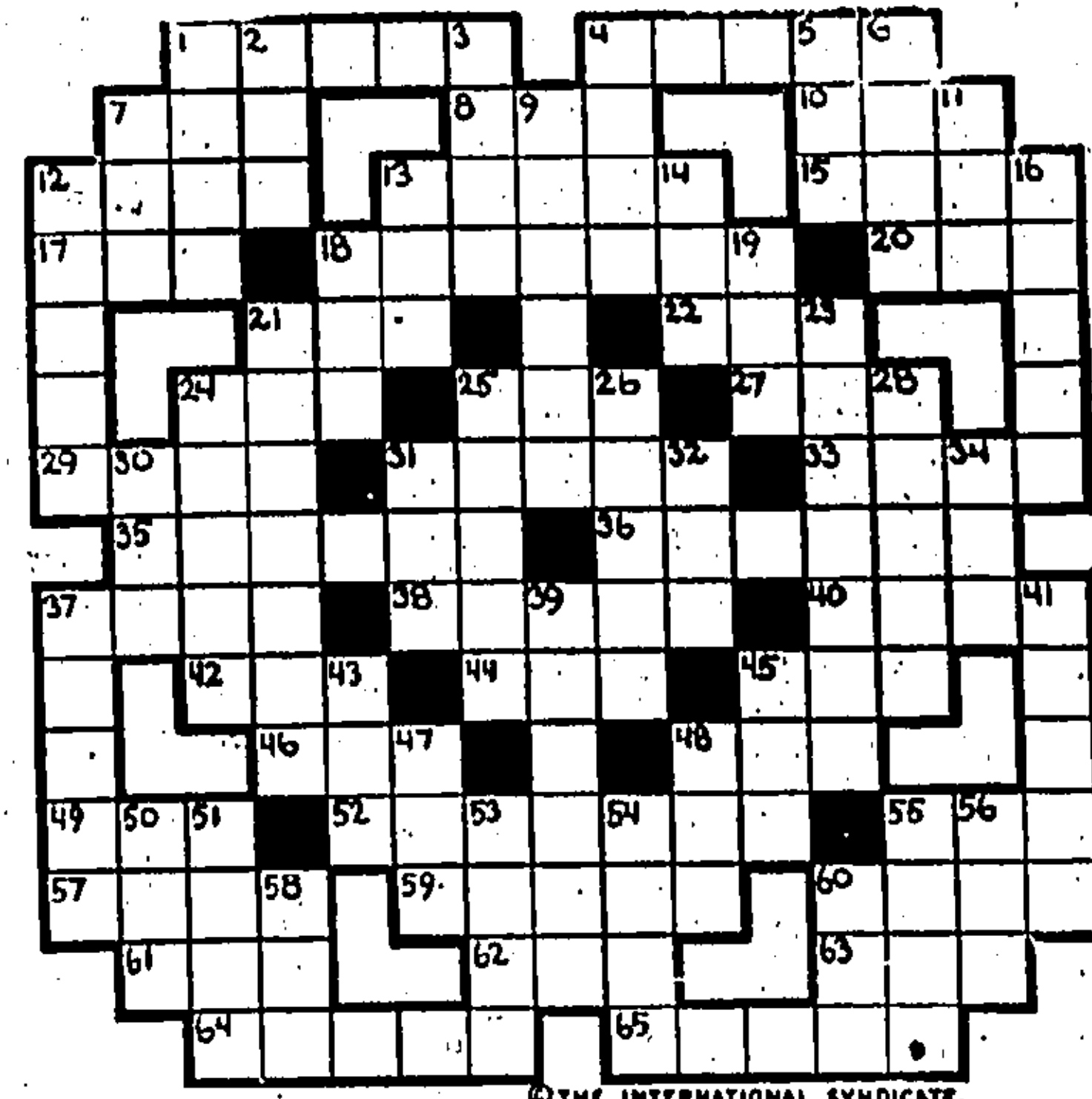
This bit of fabric enwraps a ghastly episode. Miss Duncan was in her motor-car enjoying a fast drive. The shawl fluttered outside, caught in a spinning wheel, dragged the dancer over the side of the car and she was killed before the machine could be stopped.

At the funeral, Miss Duncan's chauffeur heaped flowers representing a month's wages upon her casket.

The first name of the purchaser was not learned. Her father's name is A. Nanas.

## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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### HORIZONTAL

- 1-A mark of identification
- 4-Proclaim
- 7-Pronoun
- 8-A poem
- 10-Of little height
- 12-Put to flight
- 13-Like horn
- 15-Erudition
- 17-An insect
- 18-Was worthy of
- 20-An alkali solution
- 21-A male sheep
- 22-Turf
- 24-Came in contact with
- 25-Look
- 27-Small remuneration for service
- 29-Performed by two
- 31-A faint trace of color
- 33-Head
- 35-To suspend on a string
- 36-Sandy
- 37-Nothing but
- 38-A number
- 40-Newspaper paragraph
- 42-Part of the head

### HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 44-A gain (Local U. S.)
- 45-Lad
- 46-To convert skin into leather
- 48-A woodland spirit in Greek Mythology
- 49-In no manner
- 52-Moved to and fro in short quick movements
- 55-Double
- 57-Rotate
- 58-Slumber
- 60-Hurt
- 61-Aleo
- 62-Girl's name
- 63-Hotel
- 64-Endeavored
- 65-To throw

### VERTICAL

- 1-A single turn
- 2-A sunken track
- 3-An entrance
- 4-Crooked
- 5-Sick
- 5-A implement
- 7-There
- 9-Pressed forward
- 11-Arrow
- 12-Quick
- 13-The bottom of a skirt

### VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 14-Affirmative answer
- 15-Weird
- 16-A floor covering
- 19-A small spot
- 21-To fall back
- 23-Arrangement of words
- 24-A gas measuring instrument
- 25-Vision
- 26-Incited
- 28-Small pie
- 30-Accusator
- 31-A high explosive (abbr.)
- 32-Before
- 33-A grain
- 37-Accend
- 38-Torn and tattered
- 41-A fruit
- 43-Uncooked
- 45-Naughty
- 47-Part of verb "to be"
- 48-Vitality
- 50-Not in play
- 51-A horse's gait
- 53-Joyful
- 54-Part of a tree
- 55-Strong flavor
- 56-Attain
- 58-And not (conj.)
- 60-To fasten

## QUESTION OF RECIPROCITY.

British and Australian Films.

The British Film Institute held a luncheon at the Savoy Hotel, London, in connection with the film depicting Oxford University life.

The High Commissioner for Australia (Sir Granville Ryrie) said the film would be very popular in Australia, where it would be free of duty. He hoped that Britain would repay the compliment by admitting free of duty Australian films now in bond.

Lord Birkenhead, who presided, agreed that this was a reasonable request.

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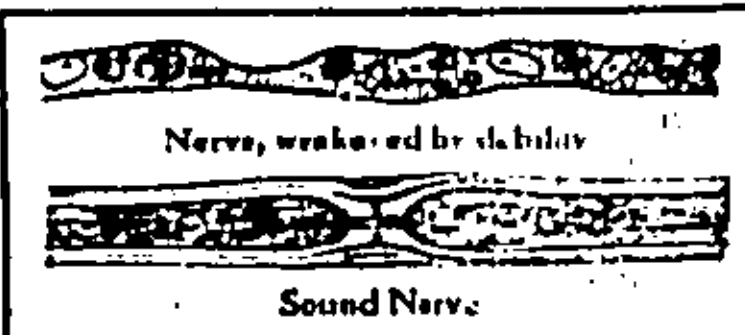
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#### VOLUNTEER ORDERS FOR WEEK.

#### FURTHER CAMP ORDERS:

The following orders are issued by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Administrative Commandant of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps:

Hong Kong, Friday, December 2, 1927.

#### Annual Camp.

Full particulars regarding annual camp which takes place between December 1 and December 18 have been issued to all ranks on November 18, 1927, by type written circular.

During the Camp Training Season December 1 to 19, 1927, only correspondence of a most urgent nature is to be addressed to Orderly Room.

#### Camp Telephone.

The Corps Headquarters Telephone number in camp is No. 250 (Government phone).

#### Corps Orders.

During Camp Training at Fanning, Corps Orders will be published on Thursdays, December 8 and December 15, instead of Fridays, December 9 and 16, 1927.

#### Artillery Company.

Parade at Corp Headquarters on Thursday, December 8, at 5.25 p.m. for Battery Drill.

"A" Group Signallers 5.20 p.m.

"B" Group Signallers 5.25 p.m.

#### Engineer Company.

Field Sections. The Sections will go to Camp from December 8 to December 12. All ranks will parade at Kowloon Railway Station on December 8 at 5.15 p.m. in order to catch the 5.43 p.m. train.

#### Reserve Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, for M.G. Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

#### Strength.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as follows:

No. 1282 Gunner F. H. Blunsdon, Artillery Co., dated November 24, 1927.

No. 1283 Pte. Lee Yuk-him, Medical Section dated November 28, 1927.

#### Promotions.

No. 609 B.Q.M.S. C. W. Langley (Artillery Co.) to be Battery Sergeant-Major as from November 29, 1927.

No. 516 Gunner J. Watson (Arty. Co.) to be Bombardier, as from November 29, 1927.

No. 897 Sergt. J. W. Henderson (Armoured Car Co.) to be Company Sergeant-Major as from November 29, 1927.

No. 573 Pte. V. Goulborn (Armoured Car Co.) to be Transport Sergeant, as from November 29, 1927.

No. 938 Pte. V. M. Xavier (No. 9 Platoon) to be Corp., as from November 29, 1927.

No. 950 L/Cpl. J. A. Delgado (No. 10 Platoon) to be Corp. as from November 29, 1927.

#### Transfers.

No. 235 S.Q.M.S. D. Davies and No. 924 L/Cpl. S. C. Ho are transferred from the Medical Section to the Reserve Company, as from November 28, 1927.

No. 409 Sergeant R. D. Read is transferred from the Armoured Car Company to the Corps Signals, as from November 29, 1927.

No. 227 Battery Sergt.-Major C. H. Summers is transferred from the Artillery Company to the Reserve Company, as from November 29, 1927.

#### Leave.

No. 495 Corp. A. C. I. Bowker, No. 1 Platoon is granted leave of absence from the Corps from December 1, 1927, to November 30, 1928. No. 224 L/Cpl. C. Fletcher, No. 7 Platoon rejoined from leave on November 25, 1927.

No. 516 Bdr. J. Watson, Artillery Company rejoined from leave on November 27, 1927.

#### Reversions.

No. 195 Bdr. A. W. Roberts, M.M. and No. 619 L/Cpl. J. Harrop, Artillery Company revert to the ranks at their own request, as from November 30, 1927.

#### Struck Off The Strength.

Having completed three years' service and claimed his discharge, as from November 25, 1927.

No. 539 Pte. H. G. Russell, M. I. Company.

On Medical Grounds, as from November 28, 1927.

No. 1189 Bandsman E. F. Nuttall, Corps Band.

No. 1183 Pte. H. R. Sequeira, No. 9 Platoon.

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### MOTOR FATALITY.

#### CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER AGAINST DRIVER.

#### DATE OF HEARING.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, Mr. R. E. Lindsell fixed next Tuesday afternoon for the opening of hearing in the case in which Sandi Khan, Mr. C. Bernard Brown's Indian chauffeur is charged with the manslaughter of a Chinese woman as the result of a motor accident in Connaught Road on the evening of November 21, when the woman and three other people were knocked down and injured. The woman was thrown heavily on her head on to the pavement and died a few moments after. The other three, two men and a woman, had to be taken to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment. Yesterday two additional charges were preferred against the accused, one of reckless driving and the other of failing to stop after the accident and to subsequently report the accident to the police.

### NO CASE.

#### CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT WITHDRAWN.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. W. Schofield, Mr. F. H. Loseby, for the prosecution, withdrew charges against a partner of the Kwong Man Loong firm, of embezzlement of \$5,000 and making false entries in respect of the payment of \$8,000 to the Official Receiver. Mr. Loseby said that Mr. F. C. Jenkin had been consulted in the case, and it was on his advice that he was making the application to withdraw. Mr. M. K. Lo, for the defence, commented on the practice of rushing to Court for a summons and, after effecting an arrest, withdrawing when the case came up for hearing. Mr. Lo said that this practice should be discouraged, and invited his Worship in discharging the defendant to say that he did so without any stain on the latter's character. Mr. Schofield accordingly discharged the defendant without a stain on his character.

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Saloon		
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Solviken	5 p.m.	
SUNDAY, DECEMBER		
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MONDAY, DECEMBER		
Wei Hai Wei	5	Hulchow
Swatow		Hydrangea
TUESDAY, DECEMBER		
Holhow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	6	Taito Maru
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## CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

Brilliant Wedding Ceremonies.

NOTABLE GATHERING.

Chinese And Foreign "Movie" Men Busy.

Shanghai, Yesterday.  
General Chiang Kai-shek and Miss May-ling Soong were married this afternoon. The Christian English Episcopal service was performed at the bride's home by Dr. David Yui, General Secretary of the National Committee of the Y.M.C.A.

The second part was the Chinese civil ceremony and took place in the Majestic Hotel. It was conducted by Mr. Tsai Yuan-pei, Minister of Education in the Nanking Government.

The home ceremony was attended by only the family's most intimate friends, while 1,000 Chinese and 200 foreigners, including General Duncan and Admiral Bristol with their wives and the staffs of the Consular and other prominent people were present at the other ceremony.

The bride wore a foreign white satin wedding gown laden with jewels, and General Chiang Kai-shek was dressed in a morning coat.

Both ceremonies, which took place under the glare of the most brilliant motion picture lights, presented a striking spectacle whilst the Chinese and foreign "movie" men cranked their cameras on the principal visitors.

There will be no honeymoon, General Chiang Kai-shek having to attend the forthcoming Kuomintang Conference.—Reuter.

## PRAYER BOOK.

COMING DEBATE IN HOUSE OF LORDS.

PARTIES DIVIDED.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Three days have been set aside by the House of Lords within the next fortnight for the discussion of a measure for the reform of the English Prayer Book. If the measure is rejected by the Lords it will drop automatically. If carried, it will be debated in the House of Commons on the 15th inst. Political parties are divided on the measure.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, will submit it for approval in the House of Commons and the Home Secretary, Sir William Joynson-Hicks, will probably propose its rejection.—British Wireless Service.

## COBHAM'S FLIGHT.

SEAPLANE SERIOUSLY DAMAGED AT MALTA.

DELAY OF WEEKS?

Rugby, Yesterday.

The extent of the damage caused by rough seas to Sir Alan Cobham's seaplane, after alighting at its base in Malta on Tuesday, is unknown, pending a thorough examination, but the repairs will probably occupy some weeks.

Sir Alan Cobham is engaged on an attempted flight round the African continent.—British Wireless Service.

## BIG FLOODS.

250 EUROPEAN VICTIMS IN ALGERIA.

Paris, Yesterday.  
M. Violette, the ex-Governor of Algeria, on his arrival at Marseilles, declared that the losses by floods in Algeria are estimated at 600,000,000 francs, with 250 European and probably 2,000 native victims.—Reuter.

## MURDER OF GIRL.

TWO NATIVES RELEASED—ANOTHER DETAINED.

Johannesburg, Yesterday.  
The two natives arrested in connection with the murder of Irene Kanthack, daughter of Mr. F. E. Kanthack, have been released, and a third is now in custody.—Reuter.

## CRIME WAVE.

Violence and Strikes in Shanghai.

AN OMINOUS FEATURE.

Six Pickets Fire On a Tramway Car.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The recent increased virulence of the Communist propaganda among the labouring classes has resulted in a serious growth of unrest, crimes of violence and of sporadic strikes, particularly in the cotton mills and the British Tobacco Company's works, resulting in tens of thousands of unemployed, while the ominous feature has been the walking out of employees of several of the cotton mills and works where the police had arrested paid agitators.

On Monday 600 tramway fitters struck and have since been endeavouring to call out the tram drivers and conductors, but so far unsuccessfully.

At eleven o'clock this morning six pickets fired on a tram car in Kung-ping Road, in the Eastern District, shattering the windows and wounding a British woman, two Chinese civilians, and a Chinese constable.

Police in the vicinity fired on the intimidators, killing two (who were identified as fitters on strike) and arresting the remainder.

The tram cars drifted to the depot and tram traffic is now suspended, drivers and conductors fearing further violence.—Reuter.

## PROCLAMATION TO WORKERS.

Forbidding Them to Call Strikes.

Shanghai, Saturday.

The Garrison Commander's Headquarters has published a proclamation, a translation of which is given below, prohibiting all workers from resorting to strikes as a means of expressing grievances:—

"Whereas, there are in existence regulations governing the settlement of all industrial disputes as well as a Labour and Capital Arbitration Committee whose duty it is to take charge of such disputes, it being a matter of great concern to the peace and prosperity of the community that no party should go to the extreme in order to reach a compromise and,

"Whereas, lately there have been lawless individuals who have secreted themselves in various factories, inciting riots and precipitating industrial crises, or, worse still, intimidating workers by threat of arms with the result that factory tyrants, taking advantage of the situation, wilfully create more troubles, while those who are timid, finding themselves in a dilemma, blindly follow their lead, thereby causing rapid recurrence of untoward incidents in the factories which either interfere with the workers' means of livelihood or constitute a menace to society, and

"Whereas, all such above-mentioned doings are detrimental to the interest of labour as emphasised by the Nationalist Government;

"Be it hereby proclaimed that this Headquarters shall accord protection only to bona-fide and law-abiding workers, but shall severely punish, according to the provisions of the law, those workers who are willing to be utilised by agitators with the view of upsetting peace and order of the community. Moreover, all industrial disputes shall be settled according to the rules and regulations promulgated therefor and by the proper authorities in charge of such matters, direct action by the workers themselves being strictly prohibited under all circumstances.

"Any violation of this order shall be severely dealt with."

## RUMBLINGS OF STORM.

Communists' Appeal to Start Disturbances.

Shanghai, Saturday.

Rumblings of the coming Communist storm, which has already demonstrated itself in the ranks of Shanghai labour, are seen in information obtained by foreign authorities to show that a definite attempt is being made by the Chinese Communist Party to create disturbances in Kiangsu with the further intention of involving Shanghai.

The information shows that the party has sent out a general appeal to the peasants and small farmers of this province to overthrow the

## STRIKE SERIOUS.

Shipowners Declare Lockout.

BOTH SIDES ADAMANT.

Wages Grievances Of Waterside Workers.

Canberra, Yesterday.

The strike of the Australian waterside workers who refused to work overtime after 5 p.m. owing to wages grievances, is assuming serious proportions. The shipowners have declared an immediate lockout at all the ports, alleging that the workers decline to comply with the terms of the award of the Arbitration Court, which included working overtime. Both sides are adamant.

The House of Representatives, after two hours' Labourite upsurge, adopted the Government motion to suspend the Standing Orders to discuss industrial troubles.

The Prime Minister (Mr. S. Bruce) asked the House to support the Government in any action to maintain the law and ensure the continuance of necessary services.—Reuter.

50,000 Idle.

Sydney, Yesterday.  
In consequence of the waterside dispute 50,000 men will be idle tomorrow. The mines are already closing down.—Reuter.

80 Vessels Held Up.

Canberra, Yesterday.  
In the House of Representatives, Mr. Bruce's motion was carried by 33 votes to 16 after strong Labour opposition.

A Melbourne report says that between 70 and 80 inter-State and overseas vessels are held up all over Australia.

Ten thousand workers are idle in Melbourne.—Reuter.

## CHOLERA IN BENGAL.

2,139 DEATHS REPORTED LAST WEEK.

Calcutta, Yesterday.

Cholera has broken out in epidemic form throughout Bengal, except in Calcutta. Last week 3,703 cases were reported of which 2,139 proved fatal.—Reuter.

## PICNIC DISASTER.

Body of Chinese Girl Found.

The body of a 17-year-old Chinese girl, which was picked up on the rocks at Chungpaikao, is believed to be that of one of the victims of the motor boat which caught fire at Saikung on November 27. It was taken to the Kowloon mortuary.

present administration and replace it by a proletarian regime. Shanghai, Wushih, Hsiao, Kiangyung, Tsungming, Haiming, Yenchen and Heuyang are particularly mentioned as bases, but although nothing serious has happened in Shanghai, owing to strict precautions adopted by the authorities, serious disturbances have been reported in Hsiao and Wushih.

The Communist Party appeal is contained under the following heads:

1.—That the labourers and peasants seize arms belonging to the military.

2.—That the gentry be carried off and their lands, houses, and other property be divided among the labourers and peasants.

3.—That the administration power be invested in labour and peasants duties.

4.—That riots be started and that ten of thousands of people be induced to participate in these disturbances.

5.—That military and defence forces be disarmed and the railways, trains, telegraph wires, and financial organs of the capitalists be destroyed.

6.—That capital cities be captured whenever possible, and that guerilla tactics be adopted when bolder means fail.

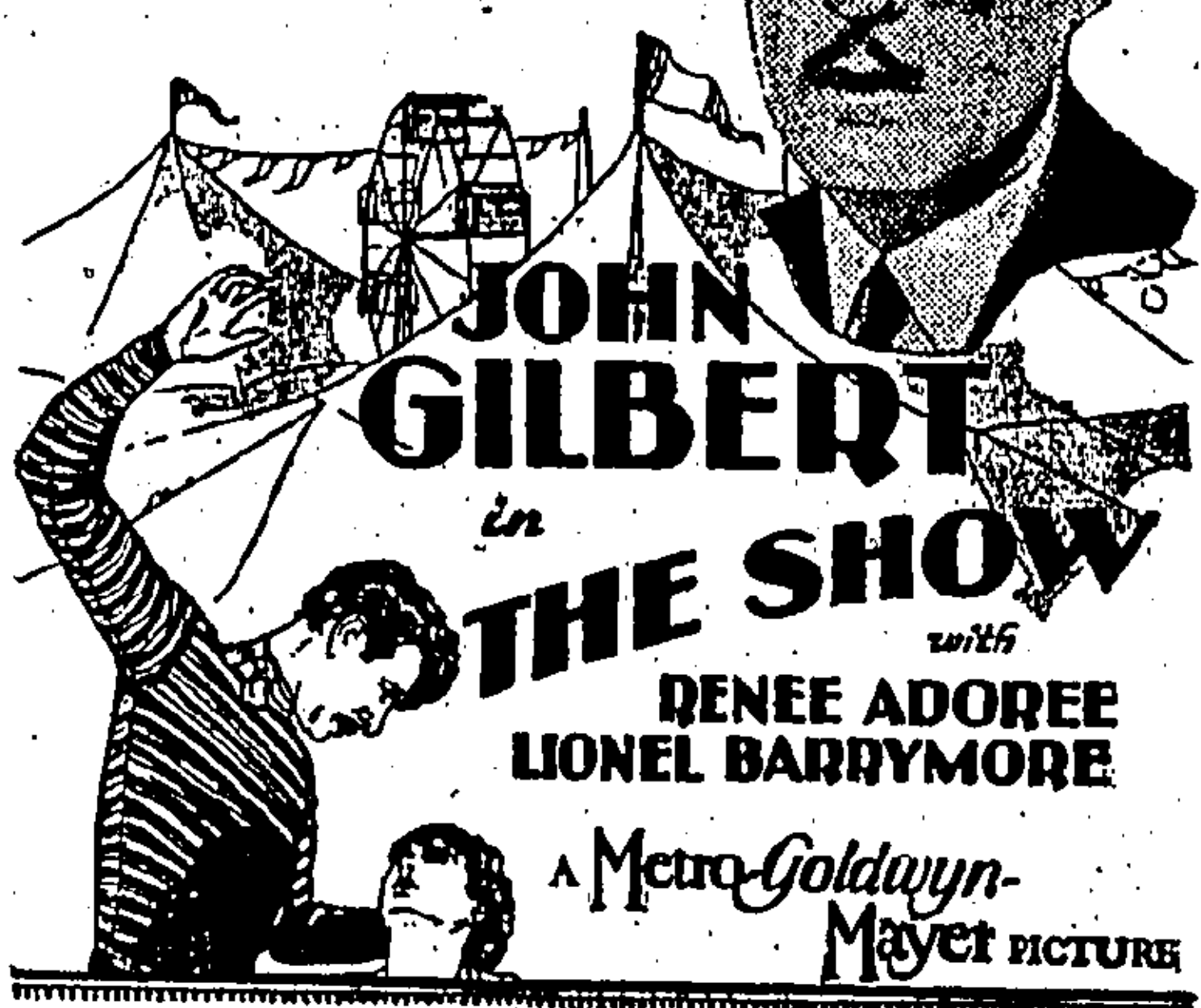
7.—That bandits and rowdies be used as soldiers and leaders in the promotion of the foregoing measures.

8.—That everything possible be done to promote a riotous spirit among strikers, and that arrangements be made to ensure that several strikes will culminate in a riot.

Another appeal is made to stir up trouble and discontent among soldiers, especial attention being directed to cases wherein troops are found to be behind in their pay.

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